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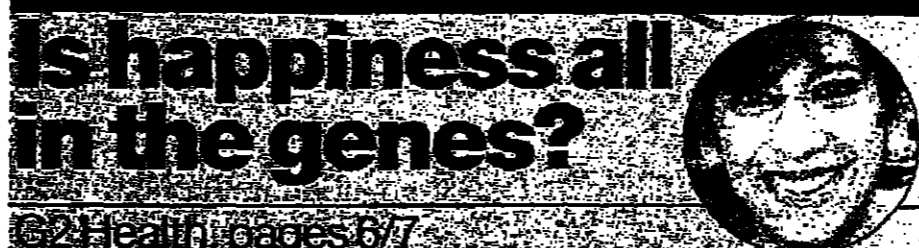
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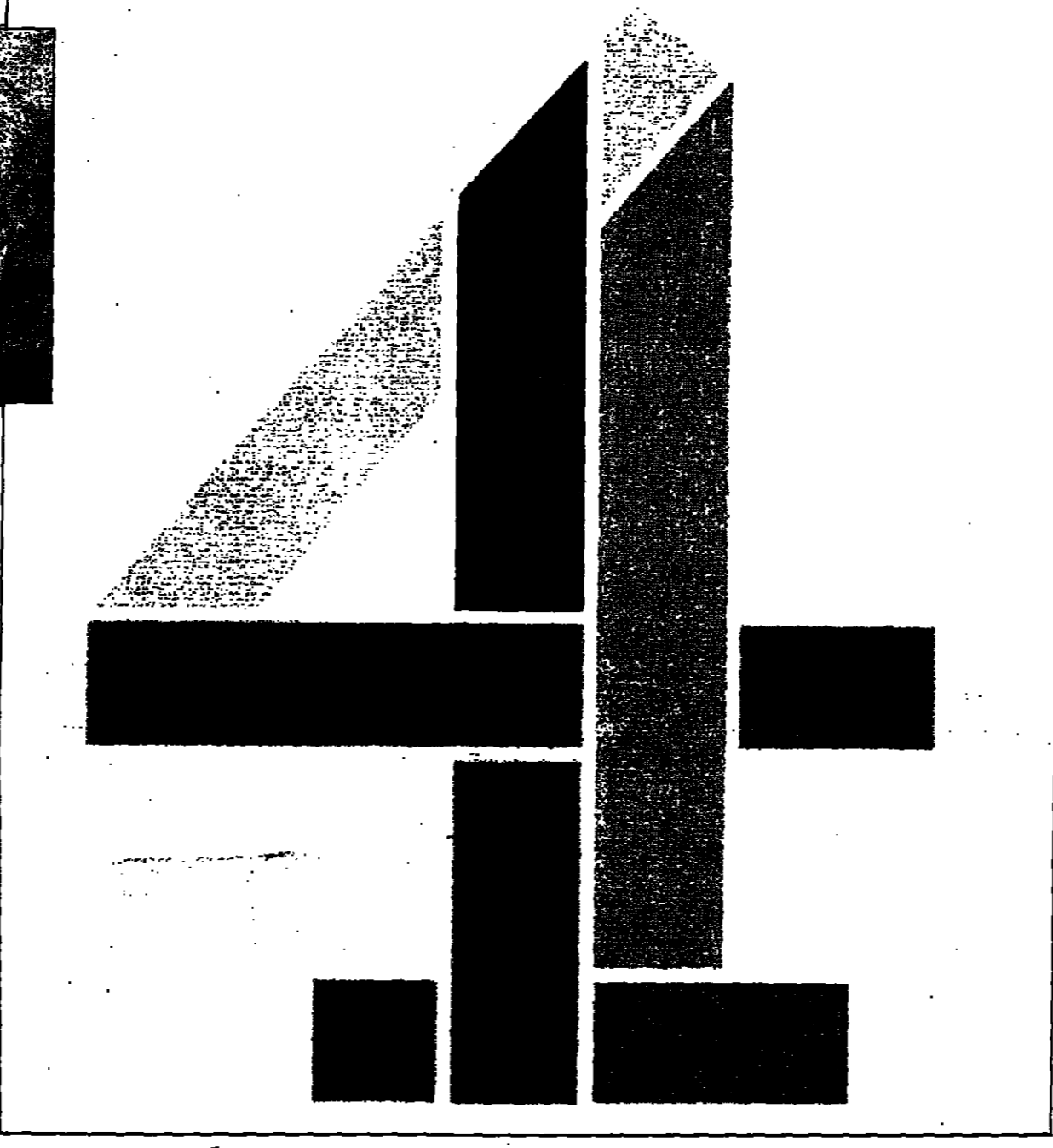


Michael Grade

Andrew Cull and Michael White

CHANNEL 4's chief executive, Michael Grade, yesterday turned the station's future into a high-profile election issue...

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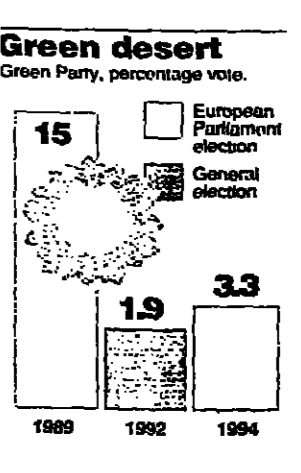
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That victory may have made Channel 4 a more attractive prospect to privatisation supporters.

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Green Party to consider withdrawal from election

THE Green Party will be asked to peer over the political abyss at its conference next month to withdraw totally from the next general election...



money," he said. "We must conserve resources." His motion proposes that the decision to withdraw be presented to the media as a "principled and pragmatic" stance...

It's a date at the Kremlin as New Labour loses Chicago

Sketch Jonathan Freedland in Chicago THIS was not exactly a hot ticket. The opening of the Chicago branch of the Labour Party was hardly one of the week's must-see events...

The dimmest memories of Labour Party branch meetings were stirred: three, no, four, speeches from white males in suits.

Britain, so they could go to "that pub". "What did you call it, the Kremlin?" asked the Connecticut senator...

ment kicked off the proceedings last night. Superman Christopher Reeve added a sprinkle of stardust, too.

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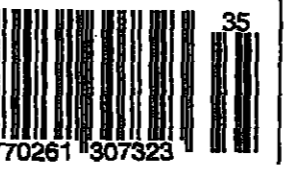
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Mega-contract set to deluge music companies with a rush of artists' pay demands

Dream payout for REM as US rockers sign £50 million deal with 'desperate' Warner Brothers

Ian Katz on a winning bid for a band

THE United States rock group REM, unremarkable looking thirty-somethings whose catchy tunes are hummed by teenagers and baby-boomers, have become the highest paid group in the world after signing a record \$80 million (£51 million) contract with Warner Brothers.

The deal could trigger a rash of "me, too" demands from other established artists, just as a series of vast pay cheques for Hollywood stars have forced up wages in the film industry.

The four members of the group, which has dominated the American rock scene for almost 10 years and sold more than 30 million albums, will be aged nearly 50 when they deliver the last of five albums promised under the deal.

Delighted Warner Brothers executives announced at the weekend that they had re-signed the band that had been at the centre of a fierce bidding war since it delivered the last of six albums under an earlier contract with the company.

The deal outstrips the \$70 million contract between Virgin Records and Janet Jackson signed in January, and dwarfs other mega-deals with acts such as Madonna and Michael Jackson.

Under the contract, REM will receive a \$10 million signing bonus, a \$20 million advance against royalties from the six earlier albums, and \$10 million for each of five new albums. The band will also receive almost a quarter of the price of each album sold.

The scrupulously democratic four band members, who met in the Georgia college town of Athens in the early 1980s, will split their windfall equally between them, just as they share all songwriting credits.

Recording companies are

under pressure to pay over the odds for high-profile acts to prove they are big league players and to gain leverage to help distribute less celebrated artists.

Warner Brothers was particularly desperate to keep REM after having been shaken by a recent boardroom battle. Two senior executives defected last year to David Geffen's DreamWorks, confident that they could take REM with them.

With drama befitting an awards ceremony, Warner Brothers president, Steven Baker, was handed a telegram from the band as he addressed a strategy meeting of company employees.

The crowd broke into a standing ovation when he reported its contents. "This is a watershed moment for Warner Brothers Records, an incredible new beginning for the company," he said.

"REM embodies everything important about the culture of this company. They are a tremendously hard-working, successful band with integrity and vision."

"I can't describe how proud we are that REM is allowing Warner to continue our association with them."

The band was formed in 1980 after guitarist Peter Buck, now aged 39, met bassist Michael Stipe, aged 38, in an Athens record store where Mr Buck worked. They were joined by bass guitarist Michael Mills, and drummer Bill Berry, both aged 37.

Their debut album, Murmur, earned them a cult following, but they exploded into the mainstream in the early 1990s with Out of Time and Automatic for the People. Despite their commercial success, they have retained a reputation for being artistically adventurous, and have collected a fistful of industry awards.



Shiny happy people... REM band members (from left) Michael Mills, Michael Stipe, Bill Berry and Peter Buck

Until this year, Madonna topped the pop earnings charts with a \$60 million recording and film deal signed with Time Warner in 1995. The Rolling Stones secured a meagre \$45 million for three albums. If the members of REM plan to continue making

music well into middle age, they have made it clear they have no intention of performing it in public. "Who needs to see 50-year-old guys hopping around on stage?" Mr Buck told one interviewer. "Maybe we'll be country musicians when we're 50."

School test publication 'vindicates' Shephard

John Carvel Education Editor

THE Government yesterday pinned its faith on publication of primary school league tables to combat problems of under-achievement identified in a new study. A report by John Marks, a right-wing member of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, said the average 11-year-old is two years behind the expected standard in maths and 18 months behind in English.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said the report vindicated her decision this year to publish national tables showing how every primary school performed in tests at 11.

The first tables will be published in March during what may be the run-up to a general election. Officials said compiling the results of tests and teacher assessments in every school and transmitting them for newspapers to convert into league tables was the biggest exercise conducted by the Government information service since the second world war.

Head teachers' leaders have asked school governors to disrupt the operation by withholding results of teacher assessments, for fear the tables could mislead parents. The Department for Education and Employment last night warned it would publicly identify schools failing to co-operate and take test data direct from the marking authorities.

"Wide variations in achievement between schools and education authorities are unacceptable. The information should be in the public domain," Mrs Shephard said. GCSE and A level tables had helped improve secondary school performance and tables of performance at 11 should have the same effect.

She blamed Labour education authorities for the problem identified by Dr Marks. His study for the Social Market Foundation looked at children leaving primary school and concluded that 16 per cent of girls and 19 per cent of boys had not advanced beyond the level of attainment in arithmetic expected of a seven-year-old. Most educa-

tion authorities had at least one school where the average standard of pupils moving to secondary education was at least four years behind target.

Mrs Shephard had originally promised not to publish school performance tables for this year's tests at 11 on the grounds they had not "bedded down". She changed her mind in February under pressure from the right-wing press. "It costs as much to teach a good lesson as a bad one. If many education authorities can achieve good results, they all can. It is a matter of concern that so many of those giving children a bad deal are Labour controlled," she said yesterday.

David Blunkett, the shadow education secretary, said her "hand-wringing" response was inadequate. "What we need now is the use of reliable

Report 'at best old hat, at worst an unduly pessimistic interpretation'

statistics as the foundation for direct action to improve standards by sharing best practice from successful schools with those struggling with unacceptably low standards of achievement."

The National Association of Schoolmasters' Union of Women Teachers said teachers should not be made scapegoats, as rising class sizes and education funding cuts were also to blame for the worrying results. The report was "at best old hat and at worst an unduly pessimistic interpretation", said Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary.

Margaret Morrissey, spokeswoman for the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, said teachers were often soft targets for criticism. "If the Government had provided the amount of money parents have asked for to provide enough resources, smaller class sizes and time for teacher training, then I doubt we would be in this situation."

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Popsters who hit the record books



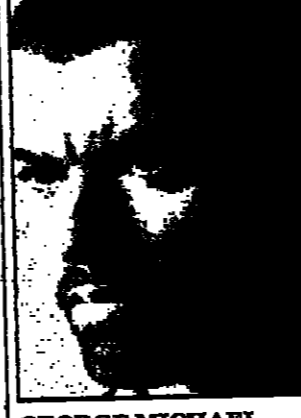
ARTIST FORMERLY KNOWN AS PRINCE Label: Warner Brothers. Deal: \$65 million for six records, signed in 1992. Pedigree: After selling 100 million albums in 15 years, gave Warner the power to control his releases. Six months later he was telling it to sue him if it didn't like his songs.



MADONNA Label: several Time Warner companies. Deal: \$38 million, though this includes multi-media rights. Pedigree: Since Like a Virgin in 1984, record sales contributed to an estimated \$65 million fortune but sales have been falling since the 1990s.



JANET JACKSON Label: Virgin. Deal: Signed in January 1996. Pop's largest contract until yesterday, worth an estimated \$52 million for four albums. Pedigree: Sold more than 30 million of last three albums. Greatest hits more popular in US than in Europe.



GEORGE MICHAEL Label: Aegean/Virgin. Deal: \$6.4 million advance for two albums plus \$25 million release fee to Sony. Pedigree: Superstar in the 1980s. New label's investment already paying off; first two singles from the first album, Older, went to number one.

117 rescued from blazing passenger ferry off Guernsey

Owen Bowcott

A FLOTTILLA of private boats and emergency craft rescued 117 day-trippers and crew from a blazing ferry off Guernsey yesterday. One passenger, an 88-year-old Frenchwoman, was injured.

The fire broke out in the engine room minutes after the vessel, the Trident Seven, left St Peter Port, Guernsey, for Jersey and St Malo, France. The catamaran, owned by Emeraude Lines of France, carries only foot passengers and was half a mile beyond the harbour entrance when

the alarm was raised. Guernsey Harbour Office, said it received the call at 4.52pm. Within eight minutes the first rescue craft was alongside, and the last people were taken off just before 5.30pm. The 88-year-old Frenchwoman was taken to Princess Elizabeth hospital, in St Peter

Port, with a leg injury and possible broken arm, Guernsey police said. Firefighters extinguished the blaze shortly after 8pm. The stricken ship was towed back to port where it was being damped down. Accident investigators will attempt to establish the cause today.

The teacher tested us in sums and I could not number. The teacher was so cross she knocked me around the room and I cried piteously. That evening and most of the night my mother and father did arithmetic with me and by morning I could number. I have never forgotten that lesson... Corporal punishment may be unpleasant but in school it generally worked. Rhodes Boyson on Education

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John Vidal and Alex Bellos on the rise of non-violent direct action groups campaigning on issues across the political spectrum

Protest lobbies unite to guard rights

DALIAH Rsoof, aged 59, is nobody's idea of an eco-activist but last week she and the whole village of Morfa Bychan in Gwynedd, north Wales (population 436) went to a beach and lit 500 candles to protest at the proposed quadrupling in size of their village by developers.

"We will do anything it takes to stop this except use violence," said Daliah. "We are absolutely united on this. We will carry on until the land is free."

The Morfa Bychan Residents Association, whose members range from 15-80, epitomises the modern non-violent direct action protest group springing up in Britain following high profile protests about roads and the movement of animals.

Using the same rhetoric as seasoned road and land activists, it has its own home page on the Internet and is planning a blitz of e-mail drops, faxes and press releases.

Britain is believed now to have more grassroots direct action environmental and social justice groups than ever before. A Guardian survey conducted with a dozen organisations shows there have been more than 500 separate "actions" against authorities in the past year. The depth of dissatisfaction with the decision-making process and the increasing tendency for people to resort to direct action to assert what they say are their rights is believed to be unique in post war Britain.

The campaigns and actions range from Nimby (not in my backyard) demonstrations by established groups against developments like bypasses and supermarkets, to larger protests against the arms trade, open cast coal mining and road policy.

The survey found groups increasingly working together, often developing coalition bodies which help provide semi-professional advice and media support to local groups.

The largest protests in the past year have been against Shell over the death of the Nigerian environmental and human rights activist Ken Saro Wiwa and the proposed dumping of the Brent Spar when Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth and Bodyshop reported more than 200 groups demonstrating.

The fastest growth in grassroots protest groups is in city-based groups which have neither membership nor constitutions, said a former Earth First! activist. More than 30 cities have had "critical mass" bike rides where convoys of cyclists protesting



Protesters targeted Shell over the death of Nigerian environmental and human rights activist Ken Saro Wiwa

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— Penny Kemp, Green Party

against traffic congestion and pollution take over the streets.

The highest profile inactivity actions in the past year have been the Reclaim the Streets "parties", in which protesters block a section of main road. Up to 8,000 invaded a motorway in London in July. So far there have been more than 15 in Britain.

That authorities see these demonstrations as a threat was shown last Saturday in Brighton, where police in riot gear arrested 80 of a 500-strong crowd.

Groups are increasingly making partnerships with others, says a spokesman from Justice? in Brighton, making the concept of "single issues" politics almost meaningless. Justice?, originally a

civil rights campaign group against the Criminal Justice Act, is now involved with land rights, animal rights, squatters' rights and anti-road protests.

The campaign against the Newbury bypass has provided the clearest example of how all the different strands of the protest movement could pool their resources. Friends of the Earth helped fund a local office and trained campaigners, while veteran anti-road activists shared skills such as building treehouses.

The linking of direct action groups has given the movement a real sense of political identity. "The party politicians have got it wrong. They haven't responded to people's concerns. They've taken no

notice of the new grassroots mood," said Penny Kemp of the Green Party, which has increased membership since aligning itself more to radical street politics.

"Britons expect fair play and justice. All they are seeing is a clampdown by the Government and people in authority. There is a great distrust of those in authority." There is increasing public support for direct action protests, say recent opinion polls. A Gallup survey shows 68 per cent of people believe there are times when protesters are right to break the law.

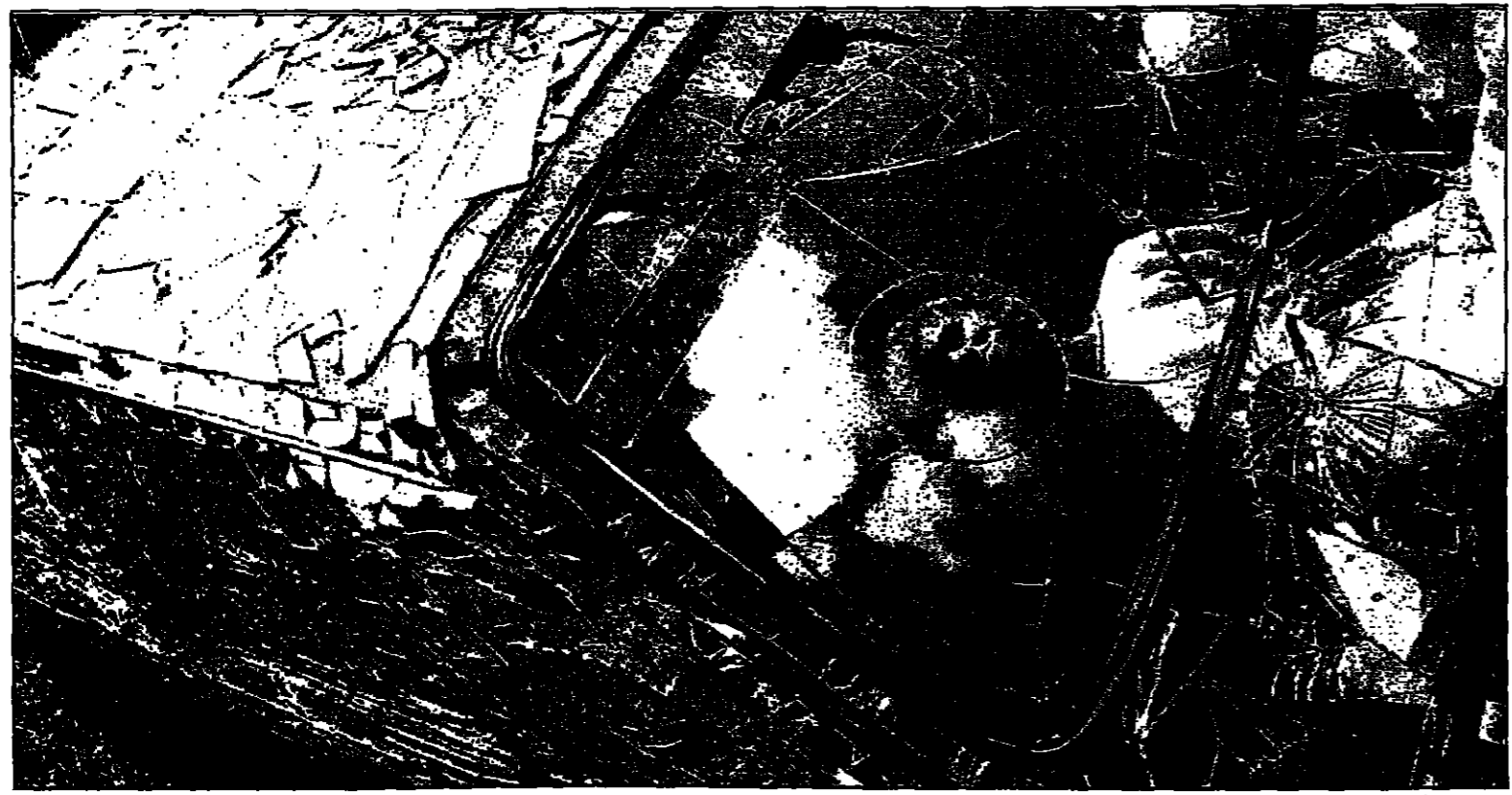
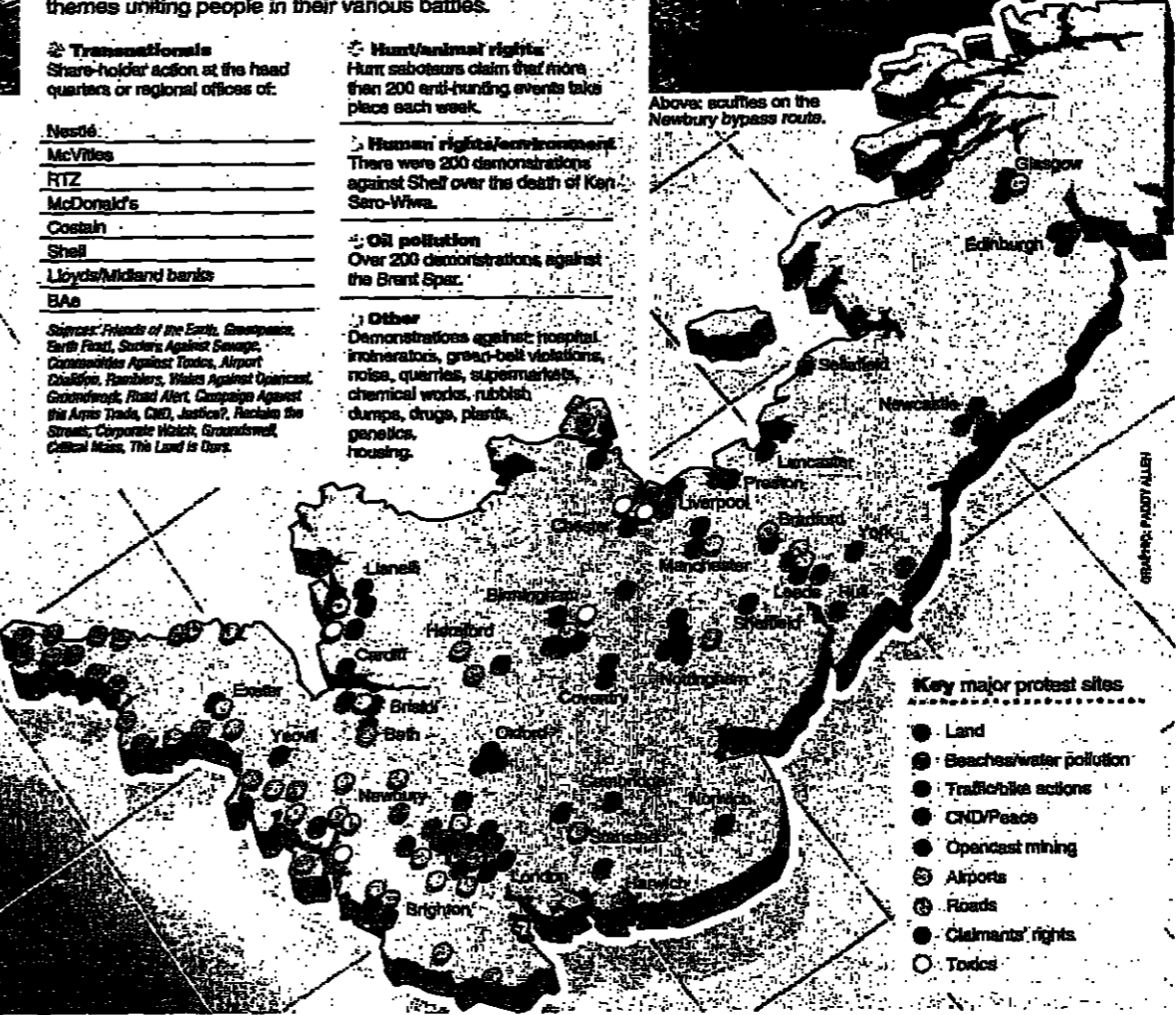
A recent gathering of Earth First! activists in North Wales to assess their previous campaigns and discuss possible directions attracted around 3,000 people.

Britain up in arms



Not since the late 1960s has the country been so affected by mass-appeal protests. Here are some of the main themes uniting people in their various battles.

- 1 **Transnationalism**
Share-holder action at the head quarters or regional offices of:
Nestlé
McVities
RTZ
McDonald's
Coca-Cola
Shell
Lloyds/Midland banks
BAe
- 2 **Environmental rights**
Hunt saboteurs claim that more than 200 anti-hunting events take place each week.
- 3 **Nuclear rights/anti-nuclearism**
There were 200 demonstrations against Shell over the death of Ken Saro-Wiwa.
- 4 **Oil pollution**
Over 200 demonstrations against the Brent Spar.
- 5 **Other**
Demonstrations against: hospitals, intolerances, green-bank violations, noise, quarries, supermarkets, chemical works, rubbish dumps, drugs, plants, pesticides, housing.



Artistic director Clare Patey surveys a mirrored car sculpture 'Underneath its a Volvo' on display in Newbury, Berkshire, for Art Bypass organised by Friends of the Earth. The event on land near the Newbury bypass site looks at the motorway's impact on the land cleared. PHOTOGRAPH: ROGER BANNER

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Going underground

Network of tunnels will defend the 'university' of road protest

Geoffrey Gibbs

IF NEWBURY'S battleground was in the trees, Fairmile will see the conflict of road protest go underground.

As well as treehouses, the Devon site has a warren of tunnels 25 feet deep. The protesters intend to clamp themselves to tubes set in concrete.

"They will have to drill us out to remove us," said Rob, at the campaign offices in Query St Mary.

The anti-road camps at Fairmile are perhaps the most established in Britain, having started two years ago and predating Newbury. While the A30 dual carriage-

way between Exeter and Honiton has not yet been built, the camps have been a base for other road actions, earning a reputation as the university of road protest.

The contract to build and operate the new route was awarded to an Anglo-German consortium at the end of last month under the Government's private finance initiative. The announcement prompted a rooftop protest at the Exeter offices of one of the consortium members — a forerunner of the confrontations that can be expected when eviction notices are served on the 60 or so men and women occupying bend-ers and treehouses at the three camps.

Local people have long argued for improvements to the existing road, one of the principal routes for traffic to the South-west from London and southern England. It is often solid with traffic during the summer and there are a number of accident blackspots. But opinion remains divided as to whether a dual carriage-way through farming land is the answer.

Garage owner Alan Crow, who has lived with the possibility of his business being bypassed since he bought it 15 years ago, said the sooner improvement work started the better for all concerned, but he shares the view of many that money would be better spent upgrading the existing road. "I don't feel there's a need to encroach on farmland. It would be better to use land that has got existing property on it."

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Village asks why corpse lay unbound

Stuart Miller

TO LOCALS, Red Lodge is a typically peaceful village. Lying a few miles north of the self-assured affluence of Newmarket, Suffolk, it is a collection of quiet lower middle class cul-de-sacs.

But beneath the tranquil surface there is another Red Lodge. Here, a transient population — 25 per cent American service families from nearby bases at Mildenhall and Lakenheath — undermines the sense of community spirit that older residents strive so hard to maintain, and the roar of US Air Force F-16s shatters the rural calm. This is the Red Lodge that allowed a man to lie dead in his garage for almost a year.

In a case which graphically demonstrates the ease with which a person can drop out of society even in the smallest communities, residents yesterday were still struggling to come to terms with the discovery two weeks ago of the remains of a man aged around 50 in the garage of 1 Blackberry Way.

Suffolk police have confirmed that the man died in October or November last year, and had lain there undiscovered even though all the doors and windows were unlocked.

They have yet positively to identify the fully-clothed body, but there is little doubt that the remains are those of Henry Furse, a 50-year-old retired mechanic. An inquest to determine the cause of death will be held later, but all the evidence points to suicide.

That is where the certainty ends. Mr Furse remains a complete stranger to both the

authorities and his neighbours three years after he bought the property.

1 Blackberry Way, a slightly run down semi-detached bungalow, was jointly owned by Mr Furse and his niece, who lives in America. The remains were found by a family friend who went to check on the property after the niece contacted him to say that she wanted to sell her share but could not contact her uncle.

They bought the bungalow after Mr Furse left Finbury Park, north London. He rented it to US service families while he travelled until last autumn, when he returned to Red Lodge.

Around the same time, it is understood that Mr Furse fell out with his son, Laurence, aged 36. The son moved out of the area last August after divorcing his wife, Kim, and had not been in touch with his father since.

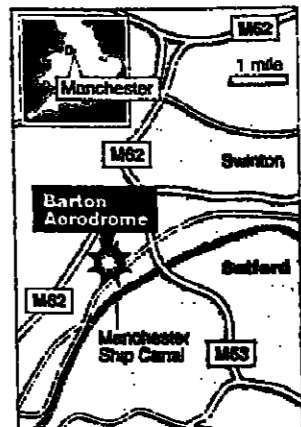
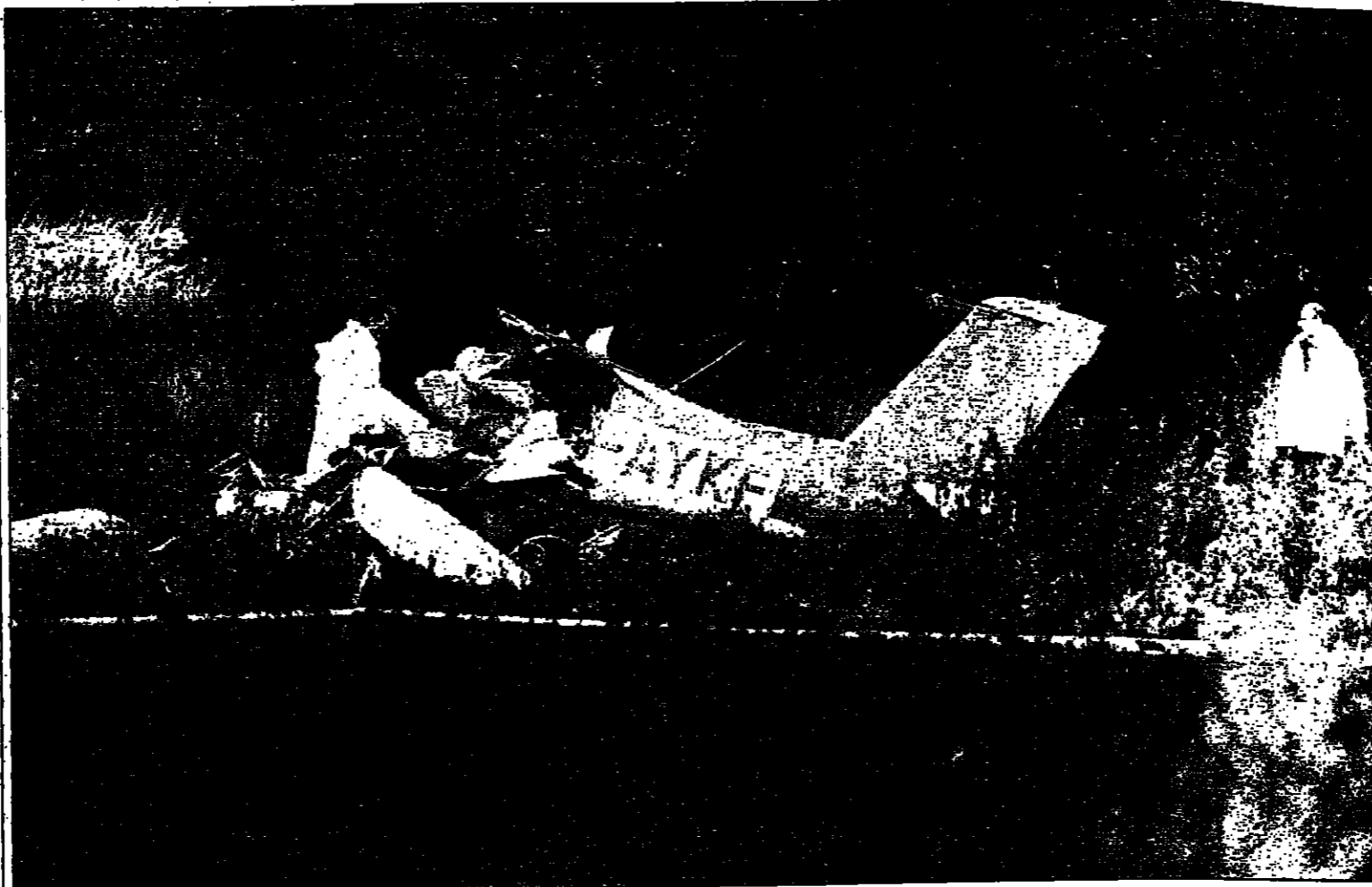
Mr Furse's absence was further obscured by his bills having been paid by direct debit, giving the authorities no cause to find him.

Neighbours said they rarely had contact with Mr Furse because he spent much of his time in America or London. "We had never spoken to the guy, he just wasn't sociable," said Joseph Matthews, aged 64, who lives at number 3. "We did not notice anything and are shocked that somebody could have been laying there dead all this time."

Local councillors have been quick to absolve the community of blame. Jack Leicester, parish council secretary and resident of number 11, described Mr Furse as a "mystery man".

"If the niece hadn't wanted to sell he could still be lying there."

Two die as light aircraft crashes beside airfield after taking off without clearance



TWO men died yesterday when their light aircraft crashed into a field behind Barton aerodrome, Greater Manchester. Accident investigators were called to the scene (left) to try to establish the cause.

The victims, both in their mid-30s, landed at Barton on Sunday to refuel and left the plane there overnight. Aerodrome director Eric Whitworth said they took off at 7am yesterday without informing anyone. The airfield is unlicensed before 6am.

"The aircraft took off at a time when no fire or air traffic control cover was being provided," said Mr Whitworth. "They came down about 500 yards away."

PHOTOGRAPH CHRIS LOUITE

MPs threaten to hold up EU laws

Michael White
Political Editor

LABOUR and Conservative MPs on both sides of the Euro-divide are joining forces to require ministers and Whitehall officials to give them enough timely information about proposed legislation from Brussels to make the system more accountable to Parliament.

The all-party Commons European legislation committee, known as the scrutiny committee, is threatening to block routine EU legislation when MPs return to Westminster in October if its arrival for their inspection without an official English translation. It sometimes arrives late and in French.

The threat is the latest assault in a running battle that has seen Euro-sceptics like the Tories' Bill Cash and Labour's Nigel Spearing working with pro-Europeans like Hugh Dykes and Sir David Knox. But more sweeping changes may be enacted to make a reality of Parliament's theoretical powers of scrutiny over EU legislation if Labour wins the general election.

Departmental ministers attending monthly meetings with their EU counterparts could be required to give evidence on their agenda to the relevant Commons committee — before and after their trip to Brussels. The system exists already in Denmark.

And, under plans put to Tony Blair by Peter Hain, until recently Labour's Euro-whip, 10 minutes in every departmental session of Commons question time would be set aside for ministers to be quizzed on their EU policies — a practice at present confined to the Foreign Office session.

"There is no effective scrutiny by the Commons of the crucial role of ministers in the council of ministers, either to influence them before they attend meetings or to report back on decisions taken," Mr Hain protested in a paper endorsed by the shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, last month.

Colleagues on both sides are dismayed at the time it takes to get information about decisions. The scrutiny committee, chaired by Labour's Jimmy Hood, is so frustrated at the failure of both Whitehall and Brussels to provide it with documents and answers to its questions promptly that its latest report states: "We will not clear a document for which we do not have an official text."

In those circumstances the MPs will expect ministers to impose a parliamentary scrutiny reserve on an EU proposal which, in theory at least, prevents a departmental minister from going to Brussels and concluding a deal, though in special cases — such as farm and fisheries policy — the MPs would "take each case on its merits".

Murdered girl's mother asks witnesses to come forward

Erlend Clouston

THE mother of a schoolgirl whose remains were found in a river near her home appealed yesterday for help in finding the killer.

Margaret Glachan appeared at a police press conference in Dumbarton the day after the body of her 14-year-old daughter, Caroline, had been retrieved from the river Leven. Sitting alongside Caroline's grandfather, William McDermott, a teacher, Mrs Glachan urged local residents to pass any information to the police.

"I am asking anybody that heard or saw anything to come forward," Mrs Glachan

aged 40, said. "She was my only wean [child], somebody must know something."

Caroline was last seen alive at 11.30pm on Saturday outside shops in her home town of Bonhill, a mile north of Dumbarton. She had said she intended visiting friends at the nearby village of Renton.

Her body was spotted on Sunday afternoon floating in the river. Detective chief inspector Jeanette Joyce of Strathclyde police said Caroline had been violently assaulted, but there was no evidence of a sexual motive.

The area where Caroline was last seen was a known haunt of drug users, but police said there was no evidence of drug involvement.



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Privatisation 'would spoil Channel 4'

Andrew Culf
Media Correspondent

IT WAS an investment banker who brought a dose of realism to a highly emotional debate among senior television executives about the privatisation of Channel 4.

The real issue is not political ideology or even the quality of British television. It is all about money.

Anthony Fry, managing director of corporate finance at BZW, was scathing about the debate at the Edinburgh International Television Festival as rival broadcasters jostled in knockabout point-scoring rhetoric.

"It [Channel 4] can be privatised — it's just not worth very much," he said.

Channel 4 has been a broadcasting success story, going on air in 1982. At first it struggled for viewers, but in 1993 consistently winning an 11 per cent audience share, it was so well established it was allowed to sell its own air-time.

Its programming has flourished: Channel 4 has become synonymous with a revival in the British film industry. Channel 4 News has become a rival to BBC2's Newsnight. Its drama and entertainment has been lauded and it has some of the best American imports. But despite this rosy picture, Channel 4 has detractors.

It has run into controversy over programmes on the sex industry, for championing gay and lesbian issues, and with its youth shows. At one point it was accused of abandoning its public service remit. Steve Morrison, chief operating officer of the Granada Media Group, claimed yesterday there had been a fall in the percentage of news, factual, arts and music, and

drama programming and big rises in entertainment imports, and repeats. But John Willis, Channel 4's director of programmes, suggested ITV wanted to reduce Channel 4's capability to compete.

Channel 4 now finds itself the victim of its own success. With coffers overflowing and the payments to ITV to cease in two years time, it has been fattening up for the privatisation.

But Mr Fry has his doubts. "A privatised Channel 4 is a long way from being worth the £1.5 billion to £2 billion repeated mantra by the media," he claims. He believes the true figure is nearer £1 billion. The only way to make it more attractive would be to slash its £230 million annual programme budget. To fund the £1 billion gap between Channel 4's real worth and City expectations, £50 million worth of programmes would have to come off the screen.

Mr Grade warns: "The present level of investment and commitment will not survive privatisation." He does not want the channel tampered with. But his blistering and petulant performance yesterday did not impress many. He engaged in an undignified shouting match with David Elstein, BSkyB's head of programming, who called for "lot more clarity and a lot less emotion".

Colin Cameron, BBC Scotland's head of television, yesterday apologised to the corporation's chief news correspondent, Kate Adie, after describing her work at Dunblane as "not appropriate". He had told the festival her "tone when she arrived was wrong". Mr Cameron said: "My reference to Kate Adie was misconstrued. Her reports were accurate and considered."

Soaps 'misinform' on drugs

BROADCASTERS were accused yesterday of painting a distorted picture of drugs use in soap operas, writes Andrew Culf.

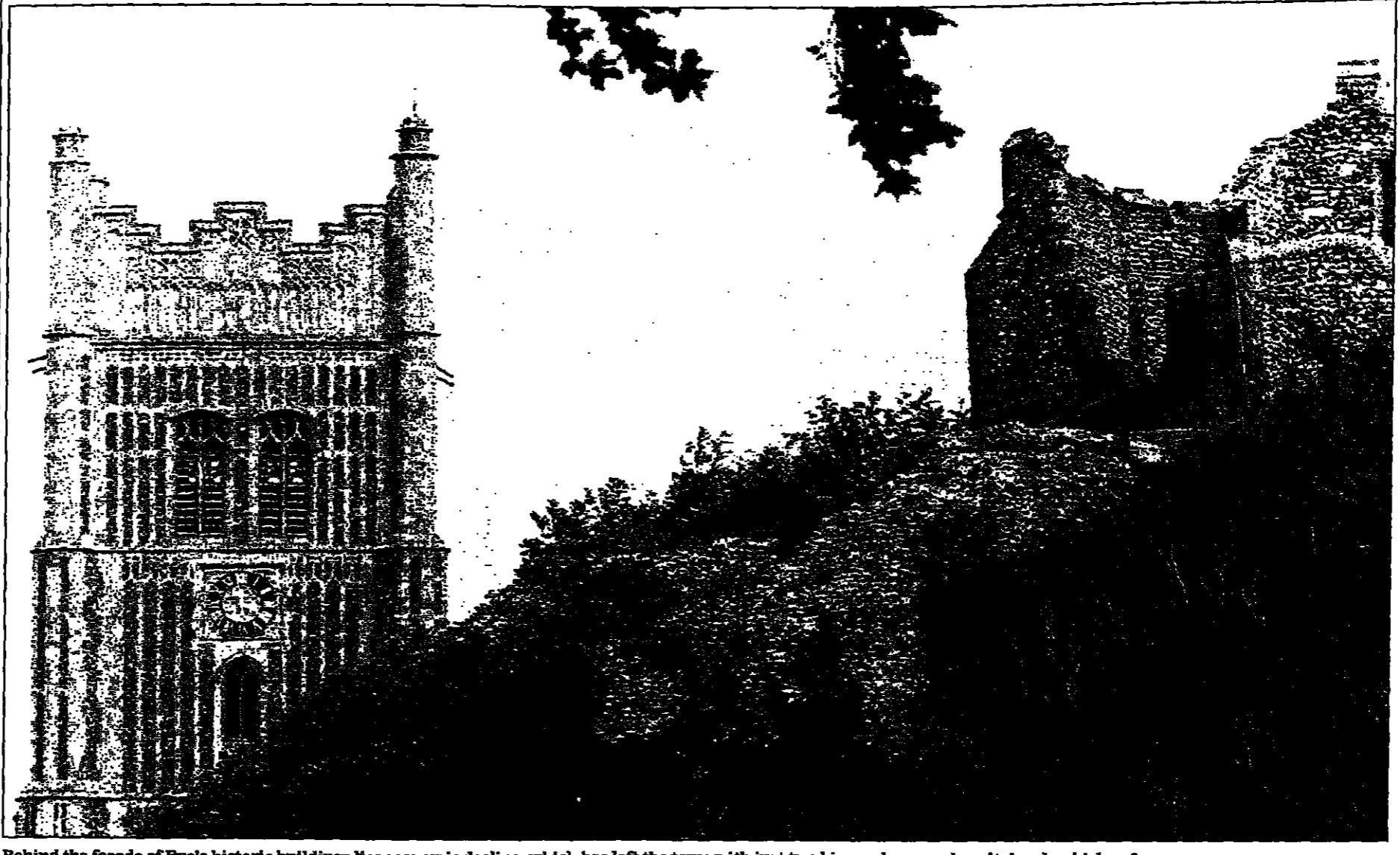
Ian Wardle, chief executive of the drugs advice agency Lifeline, said most drug taking was managed and recreational. "No different from having a few lagers". But on TV everyone became addicts.

He said attempts to shock children and parents over drugs use were patronising

and misinforming. "I do not pretend there are no long-term consequences of being on cannabis, but I object to the way programme makers compare recreational activity with addicts on crack and heroin."

Mal Young, series producer of Brookside, and Corinne Hollingsworth, former East-Enders producer, said the Independent Television Commission's code prevented them from promoting drug taking as part of everyday life.

Eye, in Suffolk, has restored its castle in the fight for regeneration, writes Maev Kennedy



Behind the facade of Eye's historic buildings lies economic decline, which has left the town with just two big employers: a hospital and a chicken farm. PHOTOGRAPHS: EAMONN MCCABE

Town sees prospects in ruins

Eye Castle in Suffolk was besieged again — this time by an army of children with a fearful battery of poppers, tiki paints and spray cans. Battered not just by Cromwell but by every political crisis over centuries, almost everything left above ground is Victorian, and most of that has fallen down.

All over the country historic buildings are being restored with lottery millions, but Eye is never going to be a big tourist attraction. Instead, the local council and the Rural Development Commission have done a restoration which cost just £31,000 hoping it will give a focus to a

community where deprivation lies just below an idyllic surface.

On a summer's day it is not easy to see Eye, with its lovely buildings, tidy streets and flower baskets, or its lush hinterland, as problem areas. But Eye to Eye, a study by the Civic Trust Regeneration Unit for Mid-Suffolk district council, and the Rural Development Commission which put £750,000 into the area, looked under the skin.

In 1851 the town had a population of 2,587, a flourishing market, a wide variety of local industry and agriculture. By 1991 the population had fallen to 1,672, with more than a quarter of retirement age.



Local schoolchildren paint mock medieval banners among the ruins of Eye castle

The only big employers are the hospital and a chicken farm. Shops are closing, the hotel is gone and only one pub remains.

"We weren't yet at critical point, but we could see the trend, and we wanted to intervene first," said Grant Reynolds, Mid-Suffolk district council's head of economic strategy.

Mr Reynolds is very keen on "passive tourism" — people who like gentle, historic backwaters rather than theme parks and white-knuckle rides. The castle is a small part of a project to promote the area, but has an important symbolic role.

Local opinion is mixed. The castle has always been in their background, and they don't pay it much attention. Janet Bowen, a local resident, said the three pubs which have closed in as many years as the castle. "To be honest, I don't think local people give a toss about it."

Disaster relief pioneer wins award

Ten Radford Science Editor

BRITISH architect who headed the strategies of disaster relief up-side down has been awarded a \$40,000 (£26,000) international prize for suggesting that people could help themselves better than their rescuers could.

Ian Davis, aged 59, director of the Oxford Centre for Disaster Studies, was hailed as "visionary" by an international jury which decides the Sasakawa-DEA disasters prizes.

Dr Davis began research into what happens after a natural

disaster and had intended recommending improved emergency shelters, but he discovered that the victims of disasters often had better ideas of their own.

"People favoured going to stay with relatives if they could than go to some benighted campsite. It's hardly surprising — but the agencies were still providing lots of shelters and then were often perplexed that they were mainly lived in by relief officials," he said.

Since experiencing the effects of earthquakes in central America in the seventies, he has been concentrating on new ways of helping sufferers to help themselves, and training local authorities for disasters yet to happen.

The money from the award will fund a British project to ensure warnings of storms are relayed efficiently from the experts with the radar technology to the people in the path of the storm.

Such thinking, he says, has already saved the lives of thousands in a cyclone storm surge in Andhra Pradesh in 1990. A tidal surge in the path of a cyclone could race 25 miles inland, covering farmland in 25ft of water. In 1978, one of these killed 20,000 people. In 1990, Indian authorities sent in 2,000 teams to clear 650,000 people from 500 villages in the path of the

flood. Such actions are now routine.

In Mexico City, after the earthquake in 1985, the authorities blocked off streets and put up shelters next to ruined homes and nine months later had restored or rebuilt homes. It worked. The lesson, however, wasn't passed on to other cities. In Kobe, last year, the Japanese government arrived with tents, and moved people to parks or gymnasiums. Later it provided very small, but expensive, prefabricated housing miles away from places where people had lived and worked. "It broke up communities; just when they should be together," Dr Davis said.

Blair returns to blunt Tory jibes

Michael White Political Editor

TONY Blair is poised to take a strategic gamble to defend Labour's wavering lead in the opinion polls by devoting his autumn campaign to positive policy themes despite the certainty of renewed Conservative attacks on the Labour leadership's "negatives".

With both sides gearing up for the start of an eight month general election campaign, Mr Blair will this week return to the hustings with a renewed determination to boost the trust of Labour supporters.

Even some Blair advisers admit such trust has been undermined by Labour "irreconcilables" as well as by Tory attacks. Yesterday Mr Blair's deputy, John Prescott, was forced to deny as "totally untrue" claims he is unhappy with the review of MPs' disciplinary code now under way.

Speaking on Radio 4's Today from Chicago where he is attending the Democratic convention, Mr Prescott was responding to weekend claims he had forced Mr Blair



Tony Blair and John Prescott: clash over dissidents denied

to back down over alleged plans to take the Labour whip from dissidents.

It is precisely such rumours which Tory election strategists hope to inflate as a means of promoting that Mr Blair is, if not exactly demoralised, then at least untrusting. The Labour leader knows what a cumulative impact such attacks could have, if promoted through the Tory tabloids.

In an implicit admission that "Old Labour has feeling too", Mr Blair intends to extend his planned series of

meetings with party members before the vote on the New Labour, New Life for Britain policy statement in October.

The positive Blairite themes will be hammered home in a new poster campaign stressing Labour's five key pledges — on schools, hospitals, jobs, law and order and prosperity — just as the Tories' campaign focuses on the threats which a Labour government could pose.

Devolution, the European Union's social chapter, the minimum wage and higher taxes will be hammered to the

New Labour, New Danger slogan.

While Mr Blair resumes the fray this week, John Major will lie low until a speech in Glasgow next Tuesday, leaving his deputy, Michael Rafter, to take over as this week's duty Labour-basher. Conservative campaigners insist they will have positive themes and policies to promote closer to their party control in Bournemouth, though they admit they dare not promise early tax cuts after failing to deliver since 1992.

What they candidly admit is that even after Mr Blair's drastic re-shaping of his party, fear of Labour will be crucial to the Tories' slim hopes of winning a fifth term. Despite Gordon Brown's caution, Labour is bound to mean higher taxes, they will keep on saying.

Although Brian Mawhinney's Satchel-inspired "demerol" campaign is expected to be condemned as offensive by the Advertising Standards Authority — and consequently banned — they intend to keep up personal attacks on Mr Blair, as he has long predicted.

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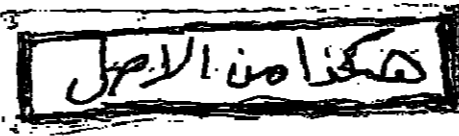
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Children living at a Calcutta rail station pray for Mother Teresa yesterday. They are educated by volunteers blessed by the nuns. PHOTOGRAPH SAURABH DAS

Another year for Teresa

Calcutta's ailing mother of charity rallied as she turned 86, writes Suzanne Goldenberg

MOTHER TERESA, the frail nun with the indomitable spirit, turns 86 today as Calcutta redoubles prayers for its most famous citizen. She is already dead, doctors said yesterday, the ailing Mother Teresa had rallied overnight, fighting back a lung infection which set in after she was admitted to hospital with malaria fever and a failing heart.

"We are very hopeful," said S. K. Sen, director of the Woodlands nursing home where she has been confined since last Tuesday. She was not yet out of danger, however, and doctors were struggling to wean her from the respirator. "She is in great pain," said Father Henry d'Souza, the Archbishop of Calcutta, after visiting her last night.

But she was never alone. In the morning she scrawled a blessing and a summons to the nuns of her Missionaries of Charity order. Throughout the day nuns in blue-trimmed

white saris pulled up in taxis, returning home with the lavish flower arrangements that had been left by well-wishers. But in Bed 22 at the Nirmal Hriday (Innocent Heart) home, which was Mother Teresa's first venture in her adopted city, Walter Crutchley, aged 88, was facing the close of his life in solitude.

An Anglo-Indian major in

nightgowns. Among the elderly, young Shakuntala Misra rose to a crouch on her cot. Aged 19, and still strikingly pretty although reduced to a near skeleton by tuberculosis, she was brought in from the main railway station, often the last refuge for the homeless.

"What will happen to me now?" she asked, before begging for toothpaste, which she said was not available at the home.

Beside Mr Crutchley lay Robert Sheppard, only 57 but with a body wasted by asthma and a stomach so swollen he could not eat. "I've been liv-

ing on the road," the former worker at the Britannia biscuit factory, said. "My mother, my father, they are both dead."

He complained that the home had taken away his asthma medicine and he had not been given an inhaler. But at least, he said, "I get some food over here."

In the other hall some of the destitute women had given way to madness, wailing continuously and twisting the cloth of their uniform printed

At times, children dump their aged parents here and never return. The sisters say the families have been broken by poverty.

Young and old, all of Nirmal Hriday's 100 inmates have been abandoned, but not by Mother Teresa. Her portrait hangs in the hall, above a quotation saying: "The greatest aim of human life is to die in peace with God."

Though she is still unable to speak, her spirit also hangs over the Mother House, the solid white block that is the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity. Yesterday nuns knelt in prayer alongside local Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus in a special ecumenical service. "A holy and happy birthday to our dearest mother," read the message on a blackboard outside the hall.

Yet, despite the relative cheer that reigned yesterday, Calcutta remained braced for the worst. In the morning, news that children had been sent home from school following the death of a Carmelite nun, Sister Norella, led many people to believe they had lost Mother Teresa too.

"We regret to announce the sad demise of Nobel laureate Mother Teresa," the station apologized two hours later.

A life full of compassion and controversy

MOTHER TERESA, also known as the Angel of Calcutta, is 86 today. Born Agnes Bojaxiu in Albania in 1910, she learned English with the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland before going to India as a missionary in 1928. There she founded the Missionaries of Charity order in 1948, and has devoted her life to the poor and destitute of Calcutta. She won the Nobel peace prize in 1979.

Despite her reputation as a living saint, she has been criticised for the quality of medical care in her homes, her fundamentalist views on suffering — preaching surrender and fatalism to the poor — and her views on abortion and contraception. She has also been accused for hobnobbing with, among others, Albania's late Communist dictator Enver Hoxha, and Robert Maxwell.

In Calcutta she is almost unanimously praised for her work, but has come into conflict with Church leaders about ways of improving the lot of low caste Indian Christians, and has been accused by Hindu groups of converting dying Hindus to Christianity when they are helpless on their deathbeds.

I WORK for the Lord and I have a clear conscience. Mother Teresa

I VALUE the extraordinary way in which she has placed in a city like Calcutta. She counts the view that girls are less valuable than boys, and that street children are almost without worth. Mary Robinson, Irish president

A SERVANT of earthly powers... She has a penchant for the rich and famous, no matter how corrupt or brutal... She acts as spiritual camouflage for dictators. Christopher Hitchens, writer of controversial documentary Hell's Angel

SHE represents what ordinary people everywhere know to be true: knowledge to be genuine holiness. Cardinal Basil Hume, Roman Catholic Arch bishop of Westminster

SHE runs an order of clones which in anyone less holy would be seen as an obscene ego trip. Germaine Greer

Mary Robinson: 'She places a value on every human life'

MOTHER Teresa is a symbol of the expiation of the great Western guilt of colonialism, the original sin of the modern world. Chidananda Das Gupta, renowned Bengali filmmaker

SHE's a saint. We don't agree with her about religion, but she does wonderful work. Marxist campaigner in Calcutta

Cardinal Basil Hume: 'She represents holiness'

MOTHER Teresa is holy. To say she is a saint, however, is to endorse a view of sanctity, and hence ultimately of religion itself, that cannot be accepted uncritically. Clifford Longley, lay religious writer

A TINY energetic woman with a brown peasant face, humpy nose, long teeth and black glittery eyes... Tough and alert, no saintly madonna.

Germaine Greer: 'She runs an order of clones'

Folly Toynebee, journalist

SHE has risen above the image of a 'white missionary doing good'. Partho Chatterjee, professor of political science, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

WHEN I met her, I cried and I'm not easily moved. She has the most extraordinary saintliness. Christina Odome, former editor, Catholic Herald

SHE never asks why people are starving... and allows herself to be photographed with some unsavoury people. Peter Stanford, Catholic writer

Services fail as 60,000 workers demand pay rises

Huge strike throws Harare into crisis

Andrew Meldrum in Harare

A SHOWDOWN is looming for President Robert Mugabe's government as 60,000 civil servants strike for pay rises of more than 20 per cent.

With hospitals over-stretched, mortuaries overflowing and airports in chaos, the strike, now in its second week, is the biggest and most disruptive since Zimbabwe's independence in 1980.

Up to 7,000 strikers gathered in a central Harare park yesterday to hear their angry union leaders imploring President Robert Mugabe "to be man enough" to address their demands for substantial wage increases.

"Intimidation is not the right approach. The main thing to do is to face the problem right in the face, acknowledge our stance that we are not going to accept insults, and pay us." Givemore Masongorera, the president of the Public Service Association union, said to wild cheers.

Police armed with pistols, semi-automatic rifles and teargas canisters kept a wary eye on the proceedings.

All the strikers — including doctors, nurses, accountants and engineers — were sacked last Friday by the labour minister, Florence Chitaura. "All the civil servants who did not return to work are fired and they will not be permitted to

return to work," she reiterated on television.

The strikers scoff at Mrs Chitaura's ultimatum. "We were not hired on television so we cannot be fired on television," Mr Masongorera said. "There are procedures for dismissing workers and the government must follow them."

The strikers want substantially more than the 6.9 per cent raises included in their latest salary cheques. They say the increases should at least match Zimbabwe's annual inflation rate of more

than 26 per cent. They cite a government survey which shows that workers in the private sector are paid 175 per cent more than equivalent civil servants.

"Civil servants in this country are grossly underpaid," the Unified Civil Servants Committee said yesterday.

"The government is behaving irresponsibly by failing to address our grievances in a modern and balanced fashion and instead is using high-handed tactics."

So far the strike has been peaceful. Three strike organisers were arrested last week and released on condition they did not incite strikers.

Zimbabwe's hospitals are running an emergency service with the help of the army medical corps and Red Cross volunteers. At overcrowded mortuaries, many corpses lie stacked on the floor because relatives cannot get the necessary paperwork for the release of the deceased. Border posts are badly affected and so are airports, where numerous flights have been cancelled.

Harare hospital nurses, angry at their 6 per cent pay rises when they had been led to believe they would get 20 per cent, began the strike last Monday. Other hospital workers followed and by Tuesday it had spread throughout the civil service. The government said the strike was illegal and ordered the strikers to return to work while negotiations could begin. When the workers rejected this approach, they were all sacked.

"We don't take kindly to illegal strikes," said President Mugabe. "Already the public service is far too large and it may be an opportunity for us to reduce it."

Despite his remarks, Mr Mugabe is expected to authorise negotiations with the strikers. Government doctors have been on strike four times in the past six years and on two occasions the government fired them, only to re-hire them a few days later.

Ex-police colonel found guilty of five murders

Duncan Gray in Pretoria

A FORMER police colonel has been found guilty of five apartheid-era crimes was convicted yesterday of five murders.

Eugene de Kock may have been found guilty on more of the 121 charges against him. Judge Willie van der Merwe said De Kock had personally led officers in ambushing anti-apartheid figures.

De Kock, aged 48, commanded a notorious police unit based at a farm outside Pretoria which has been accused of intimidating, attacking and murdering anti-apartheid figures.

He is the highest ranking police officer to be convicted of apartheid-era crimes. De Kock has applied to the Truth

and Reconciliation Commission for amnesty, but the legislation which set up the panel denies pardon to those guilty of heinous violations of human rights, such as murder and torture.

Judge van der Merwe ruled that De Kock was guilty of the murder of five men who were ambushed by police outside Nelspruit, in the north-east, on March 25 1992.

The court heard that De Kock told his men that the five were bank robbers acting on the instructions of Winnie Mandela, the former wife of Nelson Mandela.

A retired police captain, Christian Geldenhuys, testified that De Kock had personally led officers in ambushing the van.

Mr Geldenhuys said that later he began to suspect that none of the victims was a robber. As far as he knew, he told

the court, none was armed when the police opened fire on the van. One of the victims had been a driver for Mrs Mandela.

Prosecutors said anti-apartheid agents were brought to De Kock's isolated headquarters to be tortured and killed.

His squad has been linked to the death of an African National Congress lawyer blown up by an exploding mine recorder received in the mail, and accused of supplying weapons to the Inkatha Freedom Party.

The ANC said yesterday that senior government ministers would meet next week to discuss the high crime rate which is frightening off foreign investors. The two-day meeting will be attended by the ministers of police, defence and justice and representatives of the prisons and intelligence services. — AP

US states find raising the speed limit saves lives

Ian Katz in New York

IT HAS long been an article of faith among road safety campaigners that increasing the speed limit will lead to an increase in fatal accidents.

But traffic experts in the United States are struggling to make sense of a perplexing trend: although 27 states have increased their speed limits since December, the number of road deaths does not appear to have risen accordingly.

A survey by the newspaper Today found that the number of road fatalities increased in six of the 27 states which raised their limits, but fell in three and remained about the same in four.

Accident information was not available for 14 of the states, many of which have only recently increased their speed limits.

In California, where the speed limit in rural areas was increased to 70mph, the number of road deaths increased by almost 3 per cent, but speed-related fatalities fell by more than 12 per cent.

Transport experts believe the predicted increase in accidents may have been averted by aggressive enforcement of the new speed limits.

In Mississippi, where the new 70mph limit is ruthlessly policed, road deaths dropped by 26 per cent compared to the same period last year. In Maryland they have fallen by almost 40 per cent during the nine months since a new limit was imposed.

Nevertheless, the early figures cast doubt on one of the central tenets of traffic policy making.

Road safety campaigners had predicted that the increase in speed limits would add about 8,000 fatalities to the annual tally of 40,000 road deaths.

In the 1970s, the federal government imposed speed limits of 55mph on rural roads and 50mph on urban roads to conserve fuel.

Disarming gaze makes millions for hypnotists in Indonesia

John Aglionby in Jakarta

INDONESIA is falling under the spell of a new breed of criminal, armed only with soothing words and a mesmerising gaze.

In recent months several thousand people have reported being robbed of money and valuables under hypnosis. The losses run into millions of pounds, but no one has been arrested.

The victims said they were helpless and could not stop themselves obeying the orders.

The hypnotists favour buses and shopping centres. Neesh, a 60-year-old housewife from West Java, was entranced on a bus to the local market.

"After a brief conversation with three men on the bus, I handed over all my money," she said. "I then got off the bus with the men and took them home. There I handed over my remaining jewellery and \$250 in cash. I only fully regained consciousness four days later."

Foreigners have been caught too. Andi Benson from Australia said his wife could not prevent herself falling under the spell of two hypnotists in a bustling shopping mall.

Manok, one of Indonesia's leading hypnotists for more than 20 years, said: "Learning hypnotism is not that difficult, so anybody, including those without supernatural powers, can master it easily."

It could take as little as a few seconds to entrance someone, he said.

People should never talk to strangers in public, he said, because "once you are caught in this web of chicanery you can do nothing but follow the instructions of these mind-bending criminals."

The Jakarta police spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Iman Haryatna, said the new form of robbery was becoming increasingly common.

"Unfortunately there is little we can do about it, as the charming crooks do not draw attention to themselves while committing their crimes."

News in brief

Floods lash Colombia At least four people were killed and scores left homeless as the weekend was whipped by gale-force winds struck Colombia's central coffee-growing region, authorities said yesterday.

The National Disaster Attention Office said the storm unleashed flash floods in the Dosquetadas district, a sprawling slum outside Pereira. — Reuter

Ostrich exports hit A respiratory ailment has broken out in South Africa's main ostrich farming area in the Eastern Cape and is affecting meat exports to the European Union, a producers' association said. — Reuter

'Yul Brynner' sale The six-shooters and black 10-gallon hat used by the late Yul Brynner in the film The Magnificent Seven will be auctioned in Paris. — Reuter

Satchels shape-up Vienna's education authority is planning a weigh-in for school children and their satchels in an effort to correct bad posture, the news agency APA reported. — Reuter

Biter bit Alaa Hassan, an Egyptian aged 17, had his tongue bitten off by Bothaina Ahmed, a woman he had spread rumour about in Zafra, central Nile Delta. — Reuter

Michael Jackson was born there but it is unlikely that you will have heard of Gary. There is no professional sports team to send its name across the world, no attraction to lure people from the highway. The grimy Indiana town does boast one distinction, however. It is America's most dangerous city, murder capital of the United States.

Ian Katz on Gary Indiana

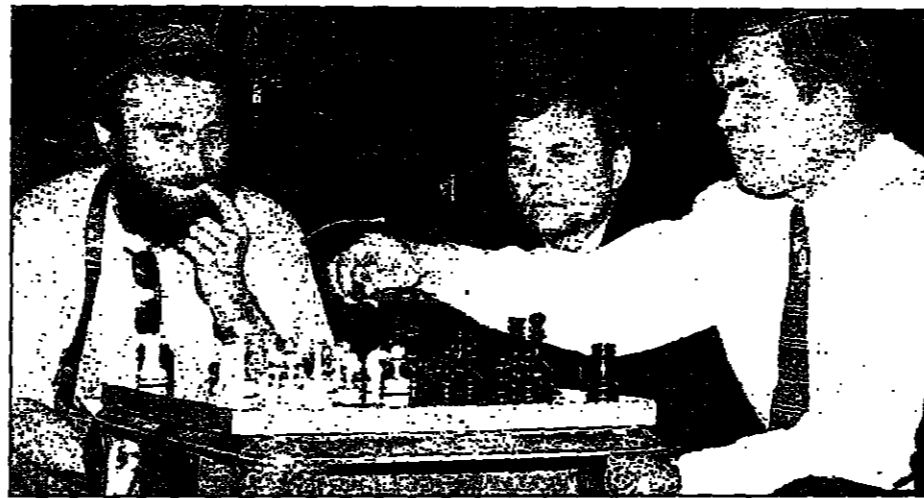
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A Russian soldier in Grozny rests while others dig up a comrade who was hastily buried after being killed in street fighting last week. The peace agreement negotiated between the Russian security chief Alexander Lebed (far right, below) and the rebels, including Sharrvani Basayev (left, below), appears to be holding

The Kremlin's security chief, Alexander Lebed, met the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, yesterday to seek heavyweight backing for his plans to end the Chechen war, in which 30,000 people have died, including at least 450 Russian soldiers this month alone. In Rostov-on-Don, Alessandra Stanley, listened to the anger as parents came to collect their dead



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Russian dead lie in the dirt

AT THE sprawling military hospital here, fruit and vegetables are stored in a vast, cool cellar for the winter. The bodies of Russian soldiers killed in Chechnia the 100 yards away, tossed in a dusty open field where dogs are free to prowl. A few are covered with sheets, but most are naked, even those burned to the bone. All are bloated, blackened and covered with flies. A stench fills the air. That is how the mothers and wives find them, picking their way through rows of dead bodies as they try to identify their Andrei or Sergei or Maksim. Natalya Zolina, aged 28, spotted the body of her husband Anatoly, aged 23, lying between two twisted, charred corpses. His head smashed in. She did not weep or collapse. She knelt next to his body and spent the next hour washing him and swatting flies away. She got angry later. "I should have brought my Polaroid camera," she said



over and over as she hugged and rocked herself. "People should see how Russia treats its soldiers." If Russian grief and horror at the war in Chechnia is concentrated in one place, it is in Rostov-on-Don, a city 750 miles south-east of Moscow which is the headquarters of the north Caucasus military district and the clearing point for war casualties. Parents arriving by telegram that their son has been killed come here to provide final identification. That is because officers cannot say for certain who was in their unit. Generals cannot say which unit was fighting where. Personnel records do not always include fingerprints, blood type and dental X-rays, and many soldiers do not wear their dog tags. At the main hospital morgue the bodies are piled like "hunks of meat", as one high-ranking officer put it. It's indifference, said Yelena Zubrovskaya, head of the Rostov Mothers' Committee, her voice shaking. "These are

not human beings to the army, they are material. They got the material for free and they discard it like garbage when it is used." The hospital has a scanner, new dialysis machines and plenty of antibiotics and plasma. But the morgue is medieval. There are dozens of bodies in it. Some of the more disfigured have lain unidentified and unclaimed since the military's bungled assault on Grozny last winter. "It was better in the old days, the officer said. "We buried the unidentified dead all together. Now, we're supposed to find out who they are and bury them separately. It's a lot of work and too expensive." According to the sketchy official figures, about 3,500 soldiers and interior ministry troops have died in Chechnia since December 1994. Human rights organisations say the toll is far higher. Since a rebel assault on Grozny began on August 6, the military estimates that another 500 have died. In the past two weeks relations have been pouring into Rostov. Natalya Zolina and 30 others flew from Sverdlovsk in a military cargo plane. Twenty-eight corpses, dragged from the cramped, filthy refrigerated morgue on stretcher and stained blankets, sometimes by their feet, were laid out on the ground before the relatives arrived, and left there all day.

Young soldiers in attendance, helpless before the waves of grief, mostly looked away, smoking silently. Once identified, the bodies were dressed and placed in metal containers, boxed for transport in shipping crates. Nadezhda Maslova, aged 46, threw herself on the crate marked "Maslov, S." and moaned, "Sergei, my Sergei," until a soldier gently pried her loose. She walked weakly past a charred corpse on the ground, a tissue to her nose, and talked about her son. She could recite the last letter she got from him by heart. Dated June 22, it began: "Mama, I'm going to Chechnia, but don't worry." He was killed on August 11. The duty officers had no answers to the imploring questions. "How did my son die?" and "Did he die alone?" Ms Maslova sought a reason why Sergei, aged 20, was marked as an enlisted soldier when he had been a conscript. "All they do is shrug. We don't know - we can't say," she said. "Why

don't they know anything? Why can't somebody know something?" There are a few pockets of consideration on the military base. Colonel Vladimir Shecherbakov, chief of the forensic laboratory, tries to identify the bodies - more than half the total - that are too burned or mutilated for a visual identification. To get around the army's poor record-keeping, he and his team have developed sophisticated tracing techniques, using DNA, skin analysis and computer models of skulls. He looked heart-sick when asked about the way parents were confronted with their children's death. Finally he replied: "You came at the moment when the infrastructure was not ready to receive such a massive influx of bodies, simply not ready." He added bitterly: "Even though we had a similar experience in January 1995 - then, too, we were absolutely not prepared. But that didn't teach us anything." - New York Times.

Boom time for bells in Bosnia

Ian Traynor in Bonn

THE bells of Bosnia have been struck dumb these past few years, courtesy of the cultural vandalism aimed at oblitterating the country's history. But for the Grassmayrs of Innsbruck, whose bronze castings have been tolling, pealing and chiming across southern and central Europe for hundreds of years, the Bosnian peace means boom time for bells. "It's a tradition," said Christoph Grassmayr, head of the Alpine family firm and master bell-maker. "All of that down there used to belong to Austria and we've been supplying bells to Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia for centuries. So we've got good contacts." The supplies have been interrupted by the war, but they're picking up now. We also supplied communist Yugoslavia and now we're delivering to free Bosnia, free Croatia, and free Slovenia. Bells are a symbol of peace. The Grassmayrs have been making bells for almost 400 years. "One of my forefathers cast the first bell here in 1599," Mr Grassmayr said proudly. "For this family, making bells is not a job, it's a vocation. I'm the 13th generation running the foundry without interrup-

Emotional coverage catches the public mood in Belgium

Stephen Bates in Brussels

AS FAMILY mourners arrived last week for the funeral of the two little girls killed in Belgium's worst sex crime, there was a media scrum to make even a hardened British journalist blush. Television cameras peered in the faces of the bereaved and microphones were thrust under their noses. Their path into the church was barred by photographers, who retreated reluctantly. After the service, the cortege was held up while a television cameraman lay on the road to get the angle of the hearse required. It was the sort of scene inconceivable even in a Britain where the press is routinely held to intrude at every opportunity and where coverage of events such as the Dublin tragedy and the Cromwell Street excavations in Gloucester is under close scrutiny. Pieter Vandermeersch, deputy editor of De Standaard, a serious Flemish daily broadsheet, said: "A Canadian colleague told me when he went to Dublin that nobody would speak to him. But when he came here everybody queued up to tell him all about it." "It has been such a big shock in this country that normal allegations against the press have disappeared

and we have been able to go further than usual." The coverage has hardly been restrained. Newspapers have been printing special supplements. The most spectacular was La Dernière Heure's front page on the day of the funeral. It was completely black except for the photographs of Melissa Russo and Julie Lejeune, the eight-year-old girls who starved to death nine months after their capture by paedophiles. Television news bulletins have devoted all their bulletins to the unfolding story. Belgium has never experienced a collective trauma quite like this. Melissa and Julie 15 months after their abduction in June last year, their faces as well-known to everyone as those of the children dragged down the street. So the discovery of their bodies, and the circumstances of their death in particular, had an effect similar to a family bereavement. This has been reflected in the media coverage. For example, a front page report of the police investigations in the sober Le Soir started:

"Time passes but hope remains. In the tangled skein of their inquiries the investigators have one lead which they favour more than the rest. The time will come, they say, when we will talk about it..." Certainly there has been no restraint regarding those arrested. Marc Dutroux, the 38-year-old hulk at the centre of the case, can scarcely expect their initials, or their surname. "You cannot hide it. The press coverage prevents a fair trial. I think there is a law about it somewhere though. Even a guy like Dutroux deserves a fair trial and if he doesn't get it, the judicial system is falling apart." Belgian police said yesterday they had made a 10th arrest in connection with their inquiries. A court official in the southern village of Neufchateau said Pierre Roobow, son of a scrap metal dealer, was arrested on Sunday on charges of taking part in a criminal association concerning theft and receiving stolen goods. "Normally before a person appears in court, you only

News in brief

Top Kurdish party leaders charged

A TURKISH court has charged top members of a Kurdish party with forming an armed separatist gang. "The allegations are extremely serious," said Aslanbas, a lawyer for the People's Democracy Party (Hadep), said yesterday. He said 41 people had been indicted, including the party leader, Murat Bozlak, and other executives, many of whom are to be tried under article 168 of the penal code, which has a maximum jail sentence of 25 years. The trial could bring further criticism of Ankara's human rights credentials from abroad and compromise promises by the Islamist prime minister, Necmettin Erbakan, to improve justice and tackle the 12-year Kurdish insurgency in the spirit of "brotherly love". - Reuters, Istanbul.

London meeting upsets Egypt

EGYPT will tell Britain it is concerned about a meeting of Islamists to be held in London soon, the foreign minister, Amr Moussa, said yesterday. "There is a question mark over this issue. We, and many other countries, don't understand (Britain's) position," Mr Moussa said. "Egypt will contact the British government to find out the truth of the matter and to discuss the possible consequences of such an unfortunate step." Egyptian government newspapers have criticised Britain for allowing the gathering, saying it will provide a chance for dangerous Muslim militants to plot against their own countries. It is not clear when the conference will be held. Cairo says several Egyptian militants on the run from death sentences or convictions for violent attacks at home have taken shelter in Britain. - Reuters, Cairo.

Plea from suspect's mother

THE mother of Richard Jewell, the security guard interrogated by the FBI about the bombing in Olympic Park in Atlanta, begged President Clinton yesterday to clear her son's name. Barbara Jewell said life had been a nightmare for her and her son, aged 33, since the FBI descended on their flat a few days after the July 27 bombing, which killed a woman and injured more than 100 other people. Mr Jewell, first hailed as a hero for his role in discovering the bomb and helping to clear the area, has since been investigated as a suspect. No charges have been filed. "Richard is not a murderer," Mrs Jewell said at a news conference. "Although Richard has never been charged with a crime, he has been convicted in the court of public opinion." When the FBI began its investigation, she said, agents took her personal property and went through her house. "I am asking the president for help as the head of the justice department and the FBI," she said. "You have the power to end this nightmare. If the FBI does not intend to charge my son, please tell us, please tell the world." - AP, Atlanta.

Surgeons repair penises

SURGEONS performed reconstructive surgery at the weekend on 26 young South Africans whose penises were mutilated during traditional circumcision rites. The superintendent of Kokstad hospital, Dr T. C. Thomas, said yesterday that all 26 were expected to recover fully. Three specialist surgeons from Cape Town were flown 600 miles to the rural town to perform the operations. In all, 62 young men were injured during initiation ceremonies last month in eastern South Africa. Three of the young men died, and a man accused of botching the initiations has been charged with murder. - AP, Kokstad.

Missile report 'malicious'

PAKISTAN has denied an American newspaper report that it is building a missile plant in Rawalpindi, near Islamabad, with Chinese help. "This is a fragment of the unlimited imagination of the Washington Post, which is in the habit of breaking such stories," the foreign minister, Asif Ahmad Ali, said yesterday. "This is another false and malicious story." The minister added: "No such factory is working and we are not replicating any missiles with the help of any country." Nevertheless, he said Pakistan would do whatever it felt necessary to defend itself. "Let me clearly put it on record that Pakistan reserves the right to develop anything for its defence with its own resources." China has also denied any role in the reported project. "The US newspaper report is entirely groundless," a foreign ministry spokeswoman said in Beijing yesterday. The Washington Post story cited US intelligence reports. - Reuters, Lahore.

Film star Tapie quits politics

THE former minister Bernard Tapie announced his resignation from the French national assembly yesterday, in the week he becomes a movie star. Mr Tapie (right, entering court last year), made famous by his embezzlement, bribery and tax evasion convictions, said his film debut tomorrow made his role as politician one too many. "I have paid too dearly for the mix of genres," he told radio Europe 1. He stars in the latest Claude Lelouch film, Men, Women, Instructions. The man, who once owned the sportswear firm Adidas, received a suspended sentence for misuse of funds leading to the bankruptcy of one of his other companies. He resigned as urban affairs minister under the Socialists to deal with his legal problems. - AP, Paris.



Rwandans leave Burundi

SEVERAL thousand Rwandan Hutu refugees were expected to leave a camp in Burundi and return to Rwanda yesterday, a United Nations official said. Paul Stromberg, a spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said that up to 1,500 Rwandan refugees had boarded trucks at Rukwavungu camp to go back to Rwanda. "There are a similar number waiting to board trucks. By the end of the day we could have at least 3,000 or more back in Rwanda," he said. Before yesterday's departures, the camp had held 10,000 refugees. Rwandan refugees began returning in large numbers after Burundi's Tutsi-dominated army seized power on July 25. They have accused troops of harassing them and three were killed by soldiers a week ago. - Reuters, Kigali.

Off his trolley

A DRUNKEN Swede who commandeered a shopping trolley and collided head-on with a car is to be charged with careless driving, police said yesterday. The man, aged 20, was travelling downhill in the southern Swedish town of Motala when his ersatz chariot hit the car at a closing speed of 50 mph. Inspector Lemnart Johansson said: "He was certainly careless, but I suppose it's debatable whether he was driving. He was rather drunk, and his trolley wasn't showing the appropriate lights." Inspector Johansson said. The man was released from hospital with minor injuries and a serious bangover. Tearaway trolleys are not, however, the biggest hazards on Scandinavia's roads. In neighbouring Denmark an elderly woman, Addi Soerensen, heard a huge "bang" in the middle of the night. She thought burglars were breaking into a nearby filling station, and went back to sleep. A little later police knocked on her door. A van had crashed into her house, and was wedged into the rubble of what had been her tidy living room. Danish newspapers said yesterday. - Agencies, Stockholm and Copenhagen.

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PROFESSOR Masao Maruyama, who has died aged 82, was one of Japan's most creative political thinkers.

His trilogy was translated and published in 1974 as Studies in the Intellectual History of Tokugawa Japan.

Marxism became the predominant Japanese intellectual trend but Maruyama never became a Marxist.

and his other extraordinarily wide-ranging academic writings are an intellectual legacy of postwar Japan.

For a whole generation, Maruyama was required reading; he contributed to its sophisticated world view and to its ability to come to terms with the past and know what sort of Japan it wanted in the future



Masao Maruyama... liberal, radical, and informed by both east and west

translation of Thought and Behaviour in Modern Japanese Politics, Bernard Crick characterised him as a "radical liberal," meaning someone who was very different from the conventional those words have acquired since Margaret Thatcher.

Letters

Len Clarke writes: While all that has been written about Sir Frank Whittle (obituary, August 10) pays deserved homage to his genius, his fair-mindedness about other jet pioneers provoked his concern at the lack of credit given, after the war, to German wartime jet experts.

The world's first jet aircraft to fly was Heinkel's 178 in August 1939. The He280 — the world's first twin-jet fighter — took to the air several weeks before the first flight of a Whittle engine in the Gloster E.28/39 in May 1941.

Daniel Mornin writes: I shall always remember Wolfe Morris (obituary July 29) the night I saw him in hospital when it seemed certain he had a very serious cancer.

Birthdays

- Jacques Arnold, Conservative MP, 49; Gerhard Berger, racing driver, 37; Sir Don Bradman, cricketer, 88; Chief Mangosuthu Butheles, 88; Alice Coltrane, jazz musician, 59; Tony Crombie, drummer, and band leader, 71; Prof Isabel de Madariaga, historian of Russia, 77; Lord Dormand of Radstock, former Labour minister, 77; Sian Edwards, musical director, 37; Lady Antonia Fraser, biographer and historian, 59; David Hart, general secretary, National Association of Head Teachers, 56; Michael Holroyd, biographer, 61; Bernhard Langer, golfer, 39; John Lloyd, tennis player, 42; Andrew MacKay, Conservative MP, 47; James Molyneux, Ulster Unionist MP, 76; worker, 86; Martha Raye, actress and comedienne, 80; Viscount Rothermere, newspaper magnate, 71; St Rev Richard East, former Bishop of Leicester, 71; Joan Smith, writer and critic, 45; Mother Teresa of Calcutta, OM, missionary, 88; Jack Thompson, Labour MP, 68; Andy Turnbull, Epsom trainer, 48; Derek Warwick, racing driver, 42; Lt-Gen Sir John Watts, soldier, 66; Edmund Weiner, lexicographer, 47; Tuesday Weld, actress, 53; Jeanette Winterson, author, 37.

Death Notices

CHANNING Stanley Arnold, born 25.2.21, veteran of the Burma Campaign, died 22.8.96, aged 75. He was a member of the Royal Air Force, a member of the Royal Society, and a member of the Royal Society of Medicine. He was a member of the Royal Society of Medicine, a member of the Royal Society of Medicine, and a member of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Michael Jinks

The creation of a happy childhood

WHEN Michael Jinks, who has died of a heart attack aged 59, called someone "chum," the term could be affectionate, or stern. He could be stern when children were at stake.

The executive director of the Caldecott Community in Ashford, Kent, he was a man of deep compassion. His approach was founded on a belief in children's essential creativity and a faith that all children have the ability to change and grow.

He trained and worked as a teacher before planning the therapeutic unit at the Kingswood Training School. At Bristol University in the late 1960s, on a residential care course, he was influenced by



Jinks... compassionate

staff or trustees but he won the trust of both. He avoided the role of charismatic leader — the community was more important, he believed — and said to me: "We are only temporary. Simon, we are the guardians." And he was right.

Pran Chhuttani

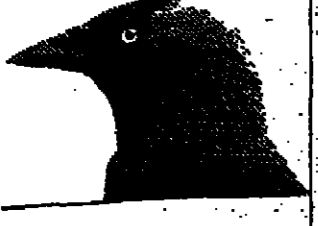
Doctor to a continent

PROFESSOR Pran Chhuttani, who has died aged 81, was at the heart of Indian medicine for more than half a century. Particularly, he was crucial to the development of the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI) at Chandigarh.

A Hindu, and the son of the chief justice of Sikkim, Chhuttani was born in Lelah, in what is now Pakistan. He graduated in medicine from the King Edward College, Lahore, where he excelled both as a scholar and a sportsman.

Chhuttani published more than 150 research papers, representing India at many international conferences and received a clutch of honours. Fussy, fastidious, self-possessed, but was always generous in praise when it was deserved, and commanded loyalty and respect. Those who knew him well cherished his company and his dry humour. He treated the poor as assiduously as the great and good and worked tirelessly for patients, students, friends and colleagues.

Jackdaw



Frosty forecast

FROM an astrological perspective, the local reaction to the convention will be hostile, particularly hotel and restaurant workers. There will also be hostility among the conventioners themselves.

Creative kiss

A KISS is not just a kiss. It's an occasion to flirt. And when you're romantic, flirting and kissing at the same time, you

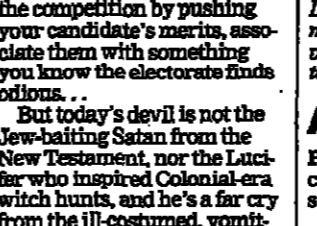
Evil eyes

SATAN'S sudden popularity isn't so much a phenomenon as it is an altered one. The transformation now occurring is from Satan as a label to pin on those you wish to define against, to one you want to associate yourself with — and it's entirely consistent with the increasingly popular "I'm a rebel, you're a rebel, now buy our stuff" mantra of American marketing.

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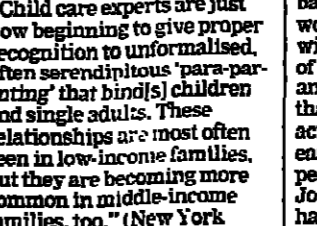
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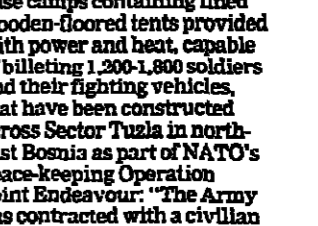
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Diary
Matthew Norman

An intriguing five-page document calling itself the "96" canvasser's script, 96" has been sent anonymously by a reader who works as a cold-caller for double-glazing firm Portland, "Good Morning/Afternoon (smile) sorry to have bothered you... it begins. "Don't worry, I'm not trying to sell you anything!" Indeed not... all the canvasser is doing is making an appointment with "a CONSULTANT, not a salesman, he is not going to pressure you, he is on a salary not a commission basis so there will be no pressure LEAST OF ALL FROM HIM..." That established, the move to rebuttals of standard objections. If, for example, the punter says: "I've already got double glazing," the response is "Aluminium or wood?" If it's aluminium, he says: "I imagine that like most people who do frames you suffer a lot of condensation in the winter"; on the other hand, if the answer is wood, he says: "Would you not like to eliminate all that condensation?" These need they think of everything! The document concludes by saying: "They will all work, providing you don't sound like you're reading them." Ah yes, spontaneity, how do you put a price on that?

THE BBC's need for more money, as argued by John Birt, may be stronger than realising that the regulator, Clare Spottiswoode, is terrorising the industry again last week, staff at BBC's Breakfast News tried to book a TV studio in central London (the one within BBC radio HQ, in fact) for Ian Fowle, head of the Gas Consumers' Council. "Sorry, you can't have it then," said the booking clerk. "It's rented to GMTV." But surely this is a BBC studio? Far from it. BBC Breakfast was told, this is "an economic contract".

FROM the house journal of showbusiness comes disturbing news of what may yet become known as "stage rage". Ventriloquist Chris Bylett is recovering, reports the Stage newspaper, after being grabbed by a throat in a restaurant near St Oyston near Clacton after a performance. His attacker was the member of the audience whose heckling he had just put down (he said the man's mouth was 2ft wide; very Oscar Wilde, isn't it?). The entertainer, whose dummy is a duck called Desmond, was shocked since, although he was threatened at Christmas-time by a drunken policeman with a knife, he has never before been touched. "His duck has been attacked five times by angry audience members," reports the Stage. "But this is the first time Bylett has been assaulted."

In a newspaper questionnaire, impressionist Janet Brown names About The House by Dame Jill Knight as the book on her bedside... and why not? The book is a joy and more so than in Chapter 13, which concerns all the correspondence the Edgbaston MP has received. Understandably, Dame Jill is most interested in being incorrectly styled, and several wrongly addressed envelopes are pictured. One is from the Prime Minister's Office ("Dame Jill Knight, MP ESQ" tut tut); above another, meanwhile ("Mrs DJ Knight", from the Deafblind Association) she commented: "Here is another example of stupidity or thoughtlessness." And still, after taking so much, this honesty of a woman fights on, preventing a ban on hedgehogs and comparing the storage of human embryos to that of pastry dough. You're a marvel, Dame Jill, and a credit to your title.

POLICE in Sweden have announced that a man who crashed a shopping trolley is to be prosecuted for careless driving. The 20-year-old was travelling downhill in the southern town of Motåla when the trolley hit a car at a speed estimated at 30 mph. "He is certainly careless, but I suppose it's debatable whether he was driving," said Inspector Leonard Johansson. "He was rather drunk, and his trolley wasn't showing the appropriate lights."



When everything has its price

Commentary
Isabel Hilton

DAVID DONOGHUE, the media adviser to the video company IMC, claims that the company's video nasty of surgical operations is perfectly legal. It is a proposition that will shortly be tested in the courts, but even if it turned out that Mr Donoghue was right, does it mean that IMC should be free to make and sell it? I have always been a little suspicious about the noble origins but of its apparently irresistible attraction for soundbites. I include Lady Thatcher in this, since it was she who embroidered the word on the banner she waved as she removed the rights that protect the freedoms of these days. Her acolytes took it further. Her advisor, David Hart, ran an outfit called the Committee for a Free Britain, a low-grade private vetting organisation that seemed to have as its objective "Britain free of those who held political opinions different from his own".

unusual views. As Goldsmith wrote, "they call it freedom when they are free". We now live in the country Margaret Thatcher made, and the consequences of her abuse of the word are all about us. Margaret Thatcher famously did not believe in "society", perhaps because "society" that nebulous idea that forms a buffer between the freedom of a few to make money with the freedom of most to live decent lives — was an inconvenience to the narrow inter-

usive and difficult idea that "society" has a right to put test against the right of the market to decide, then the appetite of the market becomes our moral standard. If there is a market for video nasties, that argument goes, Mr Donoghue has a right to fill it, if the law allows him to. Mr Donoghue is only a slightly more extreme example of an attitude that has steadily gained ground in the last 20 years at the expense of moral considerations or collective

buying a video nasty of a surgical operation and buying and reading a newspaper that is prepared to finance Mandy Allwood's unusual commercial activities? The trouble is, the argument is only visible at the extremes. Because, for instance, the Internet is an area of freedom entirely unconstrained by "society", it holds up a mirror to those nasty human impulses that are normally constrained by the sanction of collective morality. It is a playground for sociopathic fantasies in which, for example, a huge volume of paedophile pornography can be circulated. The men who facilitate this exchange, the service providers and the anonymous remailers who disguise the source of the material, defend themselves with the language of the liberty of the market and freedom of expression. It's an argument that, back in a social environment in which children are real and cherished parts of a

charismatic holder of the post, but his description of the nation's "privatised morality" has some merit. "We have to say," he said at the weekend, "there are moral standards, both personal and corporate. The often people are encouraged to think no further than their own private world." Dr Carey's solution, of course, is to promote Christian values, a cause that seems less than promising. There is a simpler idea: we might begin by recognising that unless we choose to defend an ethical framework that is larger than the pursuit of commercial opportunities and shareholders' returns then we are at the mercy of the appetites of the least appealing. Unless most of us are prepared to sign up to such a proposition, we have only ourselves to blame.

Identity card that's far too smart



Richard Norton-Taylor

THE sight of Cabinet ministers arguing over whether the proposed ID card and driving licence, or a combination of the two, should be decorated with the Union Jack, the Royal Arms, the EU flag of 12 gold stars on a blue background, or a combination of the three, would be laughable if it did not betray an increasingly strident strain of irrational xenophobia. Even that could be shrugged off as merely reflecting Tory divisions over Europe. But the row over what should be emblazoned on the cards has distorted, at times drowned, the debate over the real issues and serious questions raised, notably why we need the cards in the first place.

right to privacy, set down in constitutions or specific laws. Britain's common law tradition is entirely different, based on general assumptions, albeit increasingly precarious, about liberty and freedom.

A further pragmatic argument in favour of ID cards is proffered, especially by the white middle-classes: we already have to carry so much plastic, what difference will another card make? The key difference is that other cards, and the driving licence, reflect a customer relationship, a particular contract for a particular service. ID cards go to the heart of the relationship between the citizen and the state. They are a symbol, signifying that the individual is subordinate to the demands and convenience of a creeping state.

"The very existence of an identity card and its supporting database brings a privacy threat," said Elizabeth Frayne, the Data Protection Registrar in her latest annual report. "The more accurate and efficient the system is, the greater the threat. The existence of such systems facilitates what has been called the Surveillance State."

The ID card scheme was agreed without any proper parliamentary debate. We do not yet know what will be its statutory basis. The Government is more than likely to try and introduce innocuous-seeming "enabling legislation" that would allow ministers to introduce a smart card by stealth, with more and more information added, unseen, to a magnetic strip. Government departments and agencies, armed with increasingly sophisticated computer systems, are already engaged in the dark practice of "data-matching" — transferring one set of personal information to another relating to the same individual.

There are no effective laws controlling the use of the information. Six years ago, when he was a senior High Court judge, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, now a law lord, warned that "if the information obtained by the police, the Inland Revenue, the social security services, the health service and other agencies, were to be gathered together in one file, the freedom of the individual would be gravely at risk. The dossier of private information is the badge of the totalitarian state."

All this in the name of a Conservative Party which is meant to stand up for the liberty of the individual against the state.

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ests she represented. For Margaret Thatcher, if the notion of freedom had any meaning at all, it was the creation of the conditions in which anything could be exploited for commercial ends. It was only the most recent round of a battle that has raged since the 16th century between collective rights and the freedom of action created, for some, by the law. Viewed that way, IMC is perfectly entitled to make and sell a video nasty of a surgical operation and call it education: if we abandon that

whole, is seen as specious and immoral. Back in the real world, though, the distinctions are often harder to make. Contemporary values say that it is embarrassing to be accused of trying to occupy high moral ground — or moral ground at all. It now seems so suspect to stake a claim for the interests of the many over the rights of the individual that not even the Labour Party seems to want to do it. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, may not be the most

encouraging a much tougher approach to remand and sentencing decisions. In Mr Howard's white paper Protecting The Public, published in March, mandatory minimum sentences are proposed for burglars and drug offenders, alongside "two strikes and you're out" mandatory life sentences. Until now, less attention has been directed to another of Mr Howard's proposals, namely to give the court the discretion to decide how much time, if any, should be served in custody before a decision is taken on whether to serve the sentence. This proposal strikes at the heart of the well-established principle that time spent on remand (during which people are usually held under the most restrictive conditions) should always be deducted from sentence length. Last week's very curious decision by the Prison Service in the case of prisoners serving consecutive sentences that time spent on remand be counted more than once, not only drew Mr Howard into yet another débâcle but it has also placed the issue of time spent on remand firmly into the public domain.

The events of the past few days also provide an unusual opportunity to test Mr Howard's thesis that prison works. The muddle which led to the release of nearly 90 prisoners (all persons who had offended more than once) has created the conditions for a natural experiment. Winston Churchill was able to assure the House of Commons that "no evil results of any kind" followed from his early releases. In due course, perhaps Mr Howard will be able to offer a similar assurance.

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Andrew Rutherford argues that Michael Howard has reversed penal policies that had stood for most of the century — and the prison population is set to soar yet again

Short sharp shambles

THE EXTRAORDINARY and still unfolding saga of the precipitate on-off releases from prisons across the country seems likely to consolidate Michael Howard's reputation as the most accident-prone home secretary of recent times. But this is not Mr Howard's only distinction. His period in office has been a dramatic departure from a long line of home secretaries of all political persuasions who have attempted to limit if not reduce the size of the prison population. By contrast, Mr Howard has been triumphalist with regard to the massive increase in the number of people held in prison over the past four years, and in the further escalations promised through his recent legislative proposals. The coalescence of these two aspects of Mr Howard's stewardship of the Home Office was exemplified by the weekend's strange events, and as he ponders their possible course he might usefully dip into the official archives.



1981 it became public knowledge that a Home Office working party had devised a scheme that was expected to achieve a reduction of 7,000 prisoners. Unfavourable political and judicial reaction forced the then Home Secretary, William Whitelaw, into a most uncomfortable retreat. Two years later, his successor, Leon Brittan, was able to secure the early release of short-term prisoners, but he

did this under the cover of a tough offensive against serious offenders. The net result was a sharp increase in the prison population. It took the steady and reflective leadership of Douglas Hurd over the final four years of the decade to achieve the reductions which were sustained until the early 1980s.

For most of this century home secretaries have worked closely with their officials in the Prison Service seeking to stabilise if not to actually reduce prison numbers. But under the logic of Mr Howard's "prison works" mantra, the earlier policy assumptions have been turned on their head. Mr Howard has moved on virtually every front to ensure that more people go to prison and they be incarcerated for longer periods of time. In large part this has been achieved by

Mad about the boys and girls

Charles Hendry rounds on his critics and insists he's right to crow over the life-chances of today's youngsters

THE industrial society recently reported that young people are "hopeful about their individual prospects". They have good reason to be, as an 18-year-old in Britain in 1996 will enjoy greater choice, live longer and lead a more prosperous life than at any time in Britain's long history. "I am a one-in-10" referring to youth unemployment, but this has fallen by 27,000 in the past year and "one-in-10" now refers to the number of 16-24-year-olds who hold shares in British businesses. As youth employment falls well below the European average and is half the level of some of our European com-

petitors, the only real danger for young people's job prospects is that Labour's plans for a minimum wage would destroy their jobs. A minimum wage would be at the cost of fewer jobs — in total 1,000,000 jobs in this country — and it would have a disproportionately high impact amongst young workers. It would rip away part of the career ladder for young people. That's Labour's idea of opportunity — the economic equivalent of the Berlin Wall. In stark contrast the opportunity for part-time and temporary work for young people that our economic policies have created creates the opportunity to build experience

and earn enough to enjoy your social life. Most young people aspire to leave home and set up on their own — many successfully do, but some fall on hard times. That is where government can help them re-establish themselves. The successful "rough-sleepers" initiative shows how young people can be taken off the streets, while the "Foyer" project gives young people comprehensive help to deal with the difficulties they face. Similarly crime remains an issue despite the record falls that we have seen recently. Young people are both victims and perpetrators of crime. But there is a clear divide between the vast majority who are law abiding and a small persistent minority who choose to commit crime. The task that Conservative politicians have chosen is to support the former and identify and

punish the latter group. Last week saw the best-ever GCSE and A level results. Both will mean increasing opportunity for young people. Both are a credit to teachers and pupils alike. Both reflect the determination of the Conservative Government to drive up standards through the National Curriculum.

Then there is higher education. At the weekend pages of newspapers were filled with details of university vacancies in courses as diverse as psychology, software engineering and sports science. They are testament to the dramatic increase in participation in higher education. In 1994 over 183,000 students graduated in England and Wales — a 100 per cent increase over 1985. Yet the last Labour government oversaw a reduction in the numbers of students in higher education. A denial of opportunity, characterised by the quality that when we came to office only one in eight 18-year-olds went to universi-

ty or college. Now there is one in every three — that is real opportunity.

Examine the greater leisure opportunities. The Social Trends survey in 1995 reported that young people travel further, are fitter and more involved in the community. The survey said that they travelled abroad an average of 890 miles a year in the early 1990s, that six in 10 had been involved in local voluntary groups and over half undertook vigorous exercise. Opportunity to travel, help for sport from the National Lottery, ever more varied pubs, clubs and restaurants mean that the leisure menu for youth has never been more appealing.

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Tomorrow: Vital court decision in United States for Lloyd's

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Newcast

CBI seeks voluntary employee power code

Richard Thomas
Economics Correspondent

A NEW corporate benchmark for employee involvement is being drafted by the Confederation of British Industry...

Concerned that calls for worker participation in business decisions will lead to government interference in employers' right to manage...

Staff at CBI headquarters also believe that the growth of insecurity in the workplace would be better tackled by more transparent management practices...

Secret plan to keep troubled Lloyd's afloat

An appeal hearing in Baltimore today will be critical for investors, writes DAN ATKINSON

THE troubled Lloyd's insurance market has finalised a crisis "Plan B"...

These contingency arrangements, still under wraps, are likely to involve a deal with the Government...

direction. Employment spokesman Ian McCartney says: "This is an important recognition by the CBI that the way forward is social partnership..."

Mr McCartney downplayed plans for further intervention by a Blair government, stressing that only a couple of hundred firms would be directly affected...

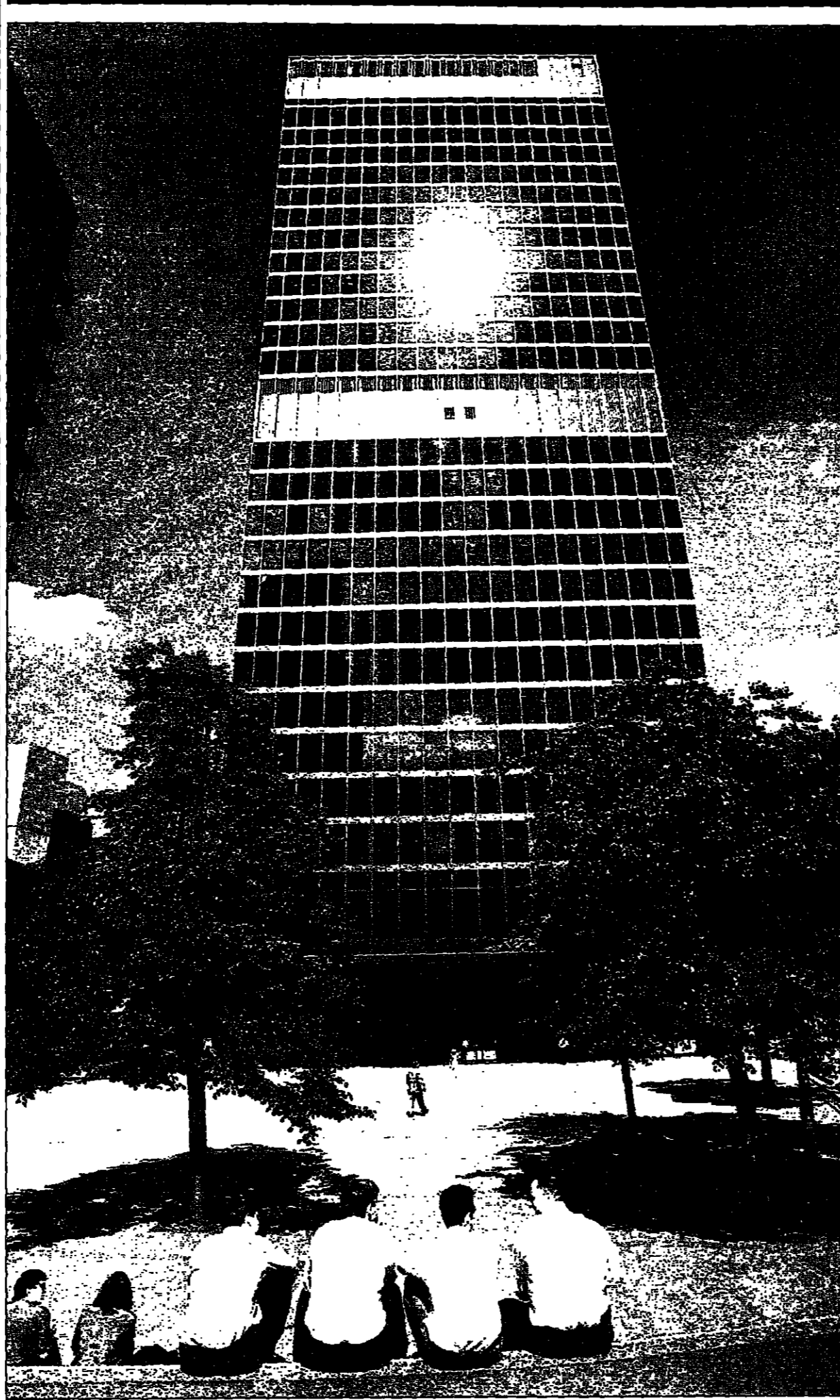
Shadow chancellor Gordon Brown is speaking at the CBI's annual conference in November, and senior officials hope to persuade the Labour leadership...

Although no concrete proposals are expected at the Harrogate meeting, staff are drafting an interim paper on job insecurity and employee involvement...

Labour's policy is to force larger firms to pay interest on debts owing to smaller companies, a move strongly opposed by most business leaders...

He said that before any decision could be reached on a similar scheme for worker participation, discussions would have to take place in CBI regional councils and policy committees.

MILE EYE



Sunny side... shirt-sleeved city workers enjoy a break outside the Commercial Union building, twice damaged in IRA bombings. The picture is the second from David Sillitoe's portfolio of summer scenes in the Square Mile

Rural jobless set to lose 10pc of their benefit

Sarah Ryde

JOBLESS people living in rural areas will lose more than 10 per cent of their benefit and be forced to travel for up to four hours to sign on under the new Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)...

Although the JSA will exempt anybody living more than an hour's journey each way by public transport from signing on in person, the rule does not allow for infrequent bus or train services...

Tobacco giants to snub cash deal

Mark Milner sees few takers for \$100bn smoker protection offer

AMERICA'S tobacco giants are set to snub a deal under which they would pay more than \$100 billion (£65 billion) in exchange for 15 years' protection from smokers seeking legal damages.

The offer of protection from liability lawsuits is due to be put to the companies later this week and Senate majority leader Trent Lott has agreed to broker a deal, according to the Wall Street Journal...

News in brief
De Beers in Russia talks

Talks between the diamond group De Beers and Russia's gemstone industry will resume on September 3, nine months after a marketing deal ought to have been signed...

De Beers markets about 90 per cent of all gemstones through its Central Selling Organisation. This keeps prices artificially high and should Russia, the second-largest producer, break ranks, prices would collapse.

Bass deal
Bass has regained its position as the UK's biggest brewer following its £200 million purchase from Allied Domecq of a half-share in the Anglo-Danish beer company...

Hopes higher
Confidence among British entrepreneurs is higher than elsewhere in Europe, according to a survey published today. The UK is most optimistic, closely followed by Spain...

Getting wired
WorldCom Inc yesterday agreed to buy MFS Communications Co. for \$1.4 billion (£933 million), creating a broad phone and internet company.

American Notebook

Aloha shivers in a wind of change



Mark Tran

THE USS Missouri, on whose deck Japan officially surrendered at the end of World War II, will make its final berth in Pearl Harbor, half a mile from the hulk of the USS Arizona, sunk in late 1995.

Hawaii was awarded the Missouri last week, at a time when it is at the tourist attractions it can get. The good news about the Missouri, however, was tempered by the latest employment figures, showing a 4,000 jobs loss in July...

These are difficult times for the 1.2 million residents of the Aloha state, America's most exotic, with 132 islands and atolls stretching across 1,600 miles in the middle of the north Pacific...

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Smith's will need to be convincing

This week
Tony May

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spending have rebounded somewhat and nearly seven million tourists are expected to visit in 1996.

But just as tourism starts to recover, Hawaii is facing growing competition from destinations such as Hong Kong, Bali and Vietnam. Mainlanders increasingly fly direct over us, was a recent headline in the Honolulu Advertiser...

Again the jet plane is partly responsible for these changes. Ten years ago, planes had to stop for refuelling in Hawaii on their way to Asia from America's West Coast. But they can now fly direct. United Airlines recently announced direct flights between San Francisco and Jakarta with a stop in Osaka...

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Racing
Michael Walker on the day 12,000 Geordies turned up to see a race that was resurrected after 80 years

Newcastle crowd tune in to Blaydon

Oh my lads, Ye should only
seen us gannin'
We Passed the jacks upon the
road
Just as they were stannin'
They was lots o' lads an' lassies
they
Aat us' smilin' faces
Gan along the Scotswood
Road
To see the Blaydon Races.

WHETHER there
are Geordies hav-
ing a good time, or
wherever Newcas-
tle United happen to be play-
ing, the chorus above is al-
ways guaranteed a rendition.
It is an anthem known far be-
yond the city walls of Newcas-
tle-upon-Tyne and is part of
the present even if the races
themselves belong to a time
when black and white was not
just the colour of United's kit.

That is, until 3.05 yesterday
when at Newcastle's Gosforth
Park racecourse something of a
resurrection occurred. For the
first time since 1916 when it
died a violent death, a Blay-
don race was run again.
It is all part of the on-going
development at Newcastle
under its vibrant new chair-
man, Stan Clarke. This is the
man who transformed Uttox-
eter from a sleepy Midlands
venue into a course renowned
for its professionalism.

Clarke is overseeing a simi-
lar transition at Newcastle
and he had the imagination
to go in search of the original
Blaydon Trophy. He bought it
from the collector, Frank Gram-
ham, on the understanding it
would not leave the city.
As a marketing device it
worked a treat - 12,000
turned up in baking Bank
Holiday sunshine. There were
steam engines and horse-
drawn carriages, brass bands
accompanied an opera singer
belting out the famous ditty.
Robin Cook was there, prob-
ably recruiting for the Labour
party, so too Rodney Bicker-
staffe representing Unison,
who sponsored the 3.40.



High flying... Richard Hills brings The Fly home well clear of his rivals in yesterday's historic race at Newcastle

It was full of characters
such as Mac the Wabber,
Billy Sup-Up of Crawcrook,
the Plunger of Durham, but
not Bob the Wrong'un from
Ryton.
It was a man called Geordie
Ridley, an ironworker from
Gateshead turned tunesman,
who penned the music of the
song about a boozey trip to
the races in 1892.

ward to explain the popular-
ity of the tune and hence its
longevity, is that it was
adopted by Newcastle United
fans at the height of their suc-
cess between 1904 and 1910
when they were in the Cup
Final five times and won the
League three times.
The races stretch back to
1811 but in 1916 after the
heavily backed Anxious Mo-

ments won the result was
overruled and a riot ensued.
The Blaydon Races were
banned but they are back now
and there were few anxious
moments for yesterday's winner,
The Fly.

There were plenty of lads
and lassies with smiling faces
as Richard Hills steered the
1811 but in 1916 after the
heavily backed Anxious Mo-

been a successful day. It has
taken a big initiative to bring
the splendour back to the
racecourse but we've grabbed
the imagination.
The most appropriate win-
ner might have been Nostal-
gic Air but at least Geordie
Ridley would have got some
money back, for surely he
would have backed the third,
Vagabond Chantreuse.

Chris Hawkins

THE QUEEN did her bit
to promote European
relations when putting
up the Spanish amateur
champion Luis Urbano, on
her Moet & Chandon Silver
Magnum winner, Arabian
Story, yesterday.

Epsom's famously diffi-
cult track holds no terrors
for Urbano who was scor-
ing his third success in four
attempts in the race, thus
outdoing his father, twice a
winner on Ryan Price-
trained runners in the
1970's.

Yes, he does ride very
well which is a big help,
said Lord Huntingdon, the
winning trainer, although
expressing reservations
about the wide margin of
the victory.

It is not normally a good
idea to win handicaps by
much as seven lengths, and
Arabian Story will run
again under a penalty at
York next week before
being officially re-assessed.
Urbano, 23, has ridden 96
career winners, and is cur-
rently studying business
administration at a univer-
sity in Madrid, but must do
some months in the army
starting in October.

ard Hannon, the trainer, to
complain that the mini-
mum weight in handicaps
is too low.

"If the minimum was 8st it
would give the kids more
chance - everybody's get-
ting bigger these days,"
said Hannon chuckling at
the relevance of the remark
in view of his own generous
waistline.

BIGGS made the 8st mark
to partner Rebel County in
the Rothmans Royals
Handicap, but won with
plenty in hand on the filly,
sent down from Tarporley
by Alan Baxby who went to
Warwick to saddle a loser.

Michael Tebbutt is an-
other less than fashionable
rider, but Brian Meehan
thinks the world of him and
spoke in glowing terms
after he had made virtually
all the running to win the
Lad's Maiden Stakes on
Tomb.

He could go on to better
things, however, and may
bid for the valuable Redcar
Two-Year-Old Trophy in
the autumn, possibly being
joined by stable-star,
Easycall.

Ripon card with guide to the form

Table of race results and form guides for Ripon, including sections for 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, and 5.30.

Uttoxeter (N.H.) runners and riders

Table of race results and form guides for Uttoxeter, including sections for 2.15, 2.45, 3.15, 3.45, 4.15, 4.45, 5.15, and 5.45.

Results

Table of race results for various tracks including Ripon, Uttoxeter, Newcastle, and Southwell.

Southwell

Table of race results for Southwell, including sections for 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, and 5.30.

Newton Abbot

Table of race results for Newton Abbot, including sections for 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, and 5.30.



Soccer

David Lacey finds new faces but familiar trials and tribulations for England as they warm up for the Moldova mission

Hoddle digs into Abbey plot

GRAHAM TAYLOR said it first. Arriving at Bisham Abbey one sunny morning with a lengthening list of injuries, the last England manager but one noted the assembled ranks of reporters, photographers and television crews and gave a wry smile. "Same old story," he said, "everything in place except the team."



First-day smile... but Glenn Hoddle began England training at Bisham yesterday with several injuries clouding his plans

So really nothing much had changed at Bisham yesterday. The stocky, perky form of Terry Venables might have given way to the leisured gait of Glenn Hoddle. Instead of Don Howe, Bryan Robson and Mike Kelly the assistant coaches were John Gorman and Ray Clemence. Different cast, same plot.

nothing more oriental than Leyton cannot disguise the fact that Hoddle could have had an easier baptism. For a start this will be England's first competitive away fixture since Taylor's abortive World Cup campaign ended in a largely empty stadium in Bologna in November 1993. That was the night when even seven English goals could not hide the humiliation of falling behind to San Marino in 8.3 seconds.

going to be a major difficulty in the sense of the venue alone. We all know that. "The players have now got to go away and play matches where the crowds are going to be a little intimidating. There's going to be a mental difference. We'll have to be more focused."

Andy Hinchcliffe, who I'd never met before. It's strange to feel that for a week they're being able to train at the Republican Stadium the day before the match. But with England Under-21s due to meet Moldova at the same stadium on Saturday evening the playing surface could be a problem 24 hours later.

with it. As Venables was apt to point out, some players are mature at 19 while others remain immature at 28. "Beckham can become a great player at club and international level," said Hoddle, "but nobody's saying that he's the finished article now. Alex Ferguson knows that, I know that, and the player knows that."

Woods, still only 20, has now won the US Junior title in three successive years as well as his three full Amateur titles and there are clearly no more amateur fields left for him to overcome. Little wonder that Scott, who said that when the game reached the 18th tee with him two up — "I thought I had a chance" — later added that he felt he was "trying to stop history."

Premiership: Leeds United 1, Wimbledon 0

Sharpe discovers a jewel in an ocean of dross

LEEDS UNITED'S slide towards an early season crisis was arrested at Elland Road on a night which will be swiftly erased from the memories of any purists present. After a third consecutive defeat, Wimbledon still await the arrival of a first point and a first goal.

rel and Hardy than Astaire and Rogers. At the age of 34, Hatelye probably has one good game left in him but that wait for another day.

He excitement. Chances were a luxury no one wished to indulge in, the best in what was a quite wretched opening half falling to Wimbledon's Gayle inside the opening minute.

was a largely unprotected target. He was to come for that error 13 minutes later with a goal of quite stunning quality. Fed by Rush, Sharpe moved smartly to his right before sweeping a delicious shot just inside Sullivan's left hand post from 20 yards.

After 46 minutes Sharpe drove criminally wide of what

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Pools Forecast

Table with columns for National League, First Division, Second Division, and Third Division, listing teams and their predicted outcomes.

Ruddock all set for £5m move from Liverpool

NEIL RUDDOCK will shortly become Britain's most expensive defender when he leaves Liverpool, writes Ian Ross.

Results

Table listing soccer results from the FA Cup, Scottish League Cup, and other competitions.

Tennis

NEWPORT NORTH-17 (Auss): Baskin/Ta Tsai beat 16-7. (Auss): Baskin/Ta Tsai beat 16-7.

Baseball

NEW YORK: Yankees beat Boston 5-1. Cleveland beat Milwaukee 4-2.

Teamtalk: The independent news and reports service. 0891 33 77+. Includes a list of football clubs and their current positions.

Rugby Union

THE Scottish Rugby Union has offered full-time contracts to 56 players, 44 based in Scotland and 12 in England, as part of its plan to introduce professional rugby.

Scots offer paid contracts

For three years but a small number will be for only one year. The offer is a major step towards professionalism.

Golf

Historic smile on the face of the Tiger

David Davies

TIGER WOODS, the American golfing phenomenon, has achieved a feat that has proved beyond the reach of all the great players of that country's history. Woods won his third successive US Amateur championship on Sunday and he did it after being five down with 16 to play, and still down three to go.

scribes himself as "Asian-American" — his father, Earl, is a black American, his mother Kuldita is from Thailand — is a uniquely marketable commodity around the world and some of the largest corporations in America will be bidding for a piece of him.

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The 10 who earned their way on to the team automatically are Dottie Pepper, Meg Mallon, Kelly Robbins, Michelle McGann, Jane Geddes, Patty Sheehan, Rosie Jones, Pat Bradley, Val Skinner and Betsy King.

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Woods... a phenomenon

Tennis

Hingis takes a mere hour

Stephen Barley at Flushing Meadow

AFTER the shenanigans of last week, when the men's draw and the seedings, the US Open, fourth and final Grand Slam of the year, made a relaxed beginning here yesterday morning.

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Motor Sport

LOCO LAICS RALLY (Lyonville, Finland): J. Malmgren (Fin) beat 2-0.

Fixtures

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Dundee United v Aberdeen (19:00); Dundee United v Aberdeen (19:00).

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صباح الامل

WIGAN'S STRANGEHOLD IS BROKEN AS ST HELENS CLINCH THE SUPER LEAGUE TITLE IN STYLE

St Helens 66, Warrington 14

Saints end long march in triumph

Paul Fitzpatrick

THE Super League finished in good hands yesterday when St Helens, in front of their biggest crowd of the season...

superior defensive record. In nine times this season St Helens have run more than 50 points past hapless opponents...



Happy ending... Goulding and Cunningham celebrate as the hooter sounds yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: MICHAEL STEELE

Goulding's team find a place in sun

Frank Keating on a joyful afternoon at Knowsley Road

AS THE jubilant certainties of the Super League dawned through the second half, the livid red livery of the choir around the green...

umph for Shaun McRae, newest of English rugby league's coaches from Down Under. His successful squad...

Cricket

County Championship: Essex v Gloucestershire

Essex turn on their peak power

David Hopps at Colchester

KEITH FLETCHER was far too overcast to be the captain of his fifth successive championship win...

be heightened today by confirmation that Graham Gooch, who has toyed with retirement and a coaching role...

of the country's most promising seam bowlers has not always been reflected by results, but his career-best return in the first innings...

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Yorkshire v Lancashire

Surplus Yorkshire water dampens title campaign

Andy Wilson at Headingley

YORKSHIRE have one more reason to curse their Rose rivals this season. Despite being thoroughly outplayed throughout the match...

innings he had survived only after a last appeal for a ball caught off Michael Vaughan. This time there was no doubt as he prodded Gough to gully all along the floor...

Kent foiled by shut-up shop

David Foot at Canterbury

FOR their varying reasons, terribly important once to championship-seeking Kent, the two captains did their best to make a game of it here yesterday...

shire fell one wicket short of retreating to the top after a dramatic rain-affected match with Hampshire...

Scoreboard

Cornhill Third Test

(Final day)

ENGLAND v PAKISTAN

Table showing cricket scores for England vs Pakistan, including batsmen and bowlers.

ENGLAND

Table showing cricket scores for England, including batsmen and bowlers.

PAKISTAN

Table showing cricket scores for Pakistan, including batsmen and bowlers.

Britannic Assurance County Championship

(Final day)

WILTSHIRE v WILMOUTH

Table showing cricket scores for Wiltshire vs Wiltshire, including batsmen and bowlers.

WILTSHIRE

Table showing cricket scores for Wiltshire, including batsmen and bowlers.

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GLAMORGAN v KENT

Cardiff Glamorgan (5) draw with Kent (5)

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Motor Racing

The longest sponsorship deal in grand prix history will finish at the end of this season when McLaren split with the Philip Morris tobacco company...

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Britain finished fourth in the list of medal-winners at the games in Atlanta, with 39 gold, 42 silver and 41 bronze...

Chess

The team of former champions increased their lead over the world's best women players in the Foxroft match in London and are five points ahead with one round left...

Soccer

Reinhard Libuda, whose goal from 35 yards gave Borussia Dortmund a European Cup Winners' Cup final win over Liverpool in 1966, has died of a stroke, aged 52. Libuda also scored the winning goal in a 2-1 victory over Scotland that sent Germany to the 1970 World Cup in Mexico.

Sailing

Andy and Ian Budge, with three wins from three races in Hayling Bay yesterday, stamped their authority on the Laser 5000 National Championship, the final regatta in the Audi Euro Cup series, writes Bob Fisher. They lead by 11 points in the 15-race series. The Olympic silver medalist Ben Ainslie had a best result of 15th in a 51-boiler fleet.

County Table

Table showing the current county championship standings, including teams like Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Gloucestershire.

World Series

Table showing the current world series standings, including teams like Australia and New Zealand.

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SportsGuardian

MUSHTAQ THE STAR TURN AS WASIM TAKES HIS 300th TEST WICKET

England v Pakistan: third Test, fifth day

Ignominy for England

Mike Selvey hears the bell toll as rearguard action fails to stand firm

There was no rearguard action at The Oval yesterday. No thin red line, no glory. Instead, as Big Ben, on the skyline beyond the Kennington rooftops, struck 5 o'clock, Aamir Sohail carved Robert Croft for successive boundaries to give Pakistan overwhelming victory in the final Test of the summer by nine wickets.

A blaze of strokeplay had brought a flamboyant climax to what had been a day of carnage and ignominy for England, who began the day on 74 for no wicket nurturing hopes if not of winning — that had disappeared days ago — then of limiting the damage.

Instead, after Mike Atherton and Alec Stewart had extended their opening stand to 96, England lost all 10 wickets in 49 overs for a further 146 runs, only Stewart (54), Nasser Hussain (51) and Atherton (43) offering much beyond token resistance.

Six of the wickets went in 30 unbroken overs to the magical wrist-spin of Mushtaq from the Vauxhall End eight for 156 in the match — while the Pakistan captain Wasim Akram blasted out three of the last four, the final one taking him to 300 in Tests. He became the second Pakistani after Imran Khan, and the 11th in all, to do so.



Wasim on the wild side... the Pakistan captain had this leg-before appeal rejected, but Croft departed to his next ball

played 39 three-match series at home and never before lost two matches. It means they have now won only one of the last 19 Tests between the two countries to Pakistan's seven. They were beaten by a very good side, though, and the ceremonies after the game were predictable. Mushtaq was indisputably declared

both man of the match and Pakistan's Man of the Series, while Stewart, whose career has been restored this past month, was England's Man of the Series.

It was on Stewart and Atherton that much rested yesterday. They withstood a ferocious assault for three quarters of an hour, as they

had on Monday evening, until Stewart, having passed his half-century, prodded a bat-pad catch from Mushtaq to short-leg to start the destruction. By lunchtime Atherton too had gone, pushing another catch, this time from pad and bat to silly mid-off after a second-wicket stand of 40 with Hussain.

The key session, however, followed lunch when England subsided from 158 for two to 227 for seven as the ball spat and hit for Mushtaq and, at the other end, significantly, the reverse swing began to snake the ball about for the pacemen. For almost two hours, Hussain played with composure, hitting eight fours including one straight-driven back past Mohammad Akram which took him to his half-century. He had seen Thorpe edge Mushtaq to slip and at least can be unhappy with his own dismissal, when B C Cooray decided that the leg-break to which he padded up, bowled from round the wicket, would have hit rather than missed off stump.

Thereafter it was procession. Knight hit a tame return catch to Mushtaq and Lewis was a leg-before victim of Waqar's inswinging toe crumpler. Crawley, who took 90 minutes over 19 without being unduly bothered, suddenly found himself confronted by something evil from Wasim round the wicket that clambered at his face and resulted in a gentle prod to

silly mid-off. Cork, after some lusty blows for six fours, was bowled by a Mushtaq shooter trying for a seventh. Croft to his dying day will never know how lucky he was not to have been out leg before from Wasim, but he was unable to take advantage as he

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Exit Illy — out of favour and out of pocket



Richard Williams

IT MUST be hard to stand by and watch the end of your own era. Yesterday Raymond Illingworth passed up the chance, and it was difficult to blame him. He was not around to see Aamir Sohail thrash the winning boundary for Pakistan at a couple of minutes before five o'clock. He had left The Oval at lunchtime, with England's second-innings score at 158 for two and the prospects looking grim.

Clearly he saw no reason to witness the conclusion of his final Test match as chairman of the England selectors. Fair enough, in any case. The fortunes of the England team may frequently be taken as an index of the country's moral health, but the chairmanship is not and has never been a full-time job. During the 2½ years of his tenure Illingworth has been paid a total of around £50,000 in compensation for his loss of earnings from media work, in the expectation of roughly 300 days' work over the period.

For a year-round sport covering five continents, with money flowing in from television interests, this is a daft arrangement. To depend on the willingness of a man in his sixties to subsidise the conduct of the highest level of one of our two national sports from his lifetime earnings is to invite failure.

In his absence, England's second Illingworth era came to an end in a manner that was unassailable. As the captain of England in 31 of his 61 Test matches, he had won six series, lost two and drawn one, earning a reputation for tradecraft and cunning. But the chairmanship came 10 years too late.

He began promisingly against South Africa and New Zealand, overcoming the difficulties caused by the ball-tampering incident that almost truncated Michael Atherton's career as England captain. The requirement to show solidarity with his young skipper

helped cement a relationship which had begun in a mood of mutual scepticism. Yet their joint record has failed to live up to the promise that appeared to be contained in the partnership of the Yorkshireman and the Lancastrian. Together they have lost three series, won two and drawn two. Too often Atherton has faced a post-match press conference with his naturally open face drawn tight.

"What a two and a half years," he said last night, managing a brief grin when invited to reflect on their partnership. "We've had a few ups and downs. There have been difficulties, most of them early on. But we developed a mutual respect. I'm disappointed for him that it's ended in defeat. We'd hoped to give him something better."

Did Atherton feel that progress had been made? "What I've always said is that we've become a more difficult side to beat. Today isn't a good day to say that again."

The positive aspect, he felt, had been the gradual discovery of a top six in the batting order. "The next stage is to find a bowling attack that can stick together." Like Pakistan's, he added.

WATCHING Mushtaq wheel in from the Vauxhall end yesterday, bowling an unbroken 30 overs while the lethal fast men were unleashed in rotation from the Pavilion end, it was impossible to avoid holding Illingworth personally responsible for England's failure to develop a bowler of similar skill and reliability. Where is the English slow bowler who has benefited from his great experience at Test level?

Nor, even now, is England's selection policy achieved real coherence and continuity. Yesterday Wasim Akram expressed Pakistan's relief at the decision to drop Andrew Caddick after the second Test, and was openly critical of the omission of John Crawley and Nasser Hussain from the forthcoming Texaco matches. Had they been Pakistani batsmen, he said, their places would have been assured by their Test performances.

We have not quite heard the last of Illingworth. His appeal to the Cricket Council against the verdict (and £2,000 fine) in the dispute charge following the Devon Malcolm affair will be heard on September 3. Six days later, in his final act as chairman, he will announce the party to tour Zimbabwe and New Zealand this winter. And then, at 64, he can finally retreat to his garden in Farsley, saving his wisdom for the geraniums.

The 300 club

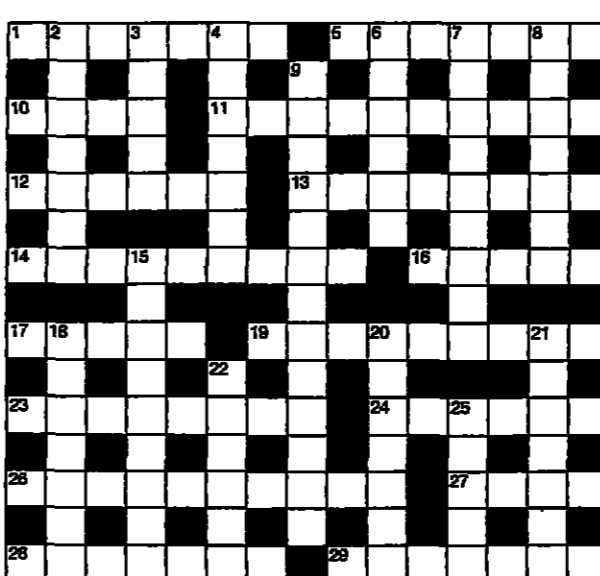
Player	Wickets	Tests	Avg
Kapil Dev (India)	424	131	22.84
R J Hadlee (NZ)	431	86	22.29
I T Botham (Eng)	383	102	28.40
M D Marshall (WI)	376	81	20.94
Jawahar Kishore (Ind)	362	82	22.61
D K Lillee (Aus)	355	70	23.92
R G D Willis (Eng)	325	90	25.20
C A Walsh (WI)	309	82	23.04
S E Embury (WI)	309	79	29.09
F S Trueman (Eng)	307	67	21.57
Wasim Akram (Pak)	300	70	22.51

fended off to short-leg. Mullanly's first-ball heave made no contact; Wasim fell to his knees in supplication and was engulfed.

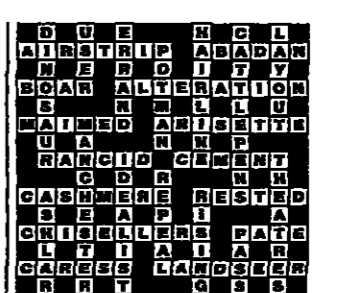
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Set by Paul



- Across**
- 1 see 25
 - 10, 25 Man possibly a miss? No hope! (4,7)
 - 11 Cleansing the soul, so put in the washing (10)
 - 12 Loud, drunk and frustrated (6)
 - 13 Phenol — cups knocked back during abdominal problems (6)
 - 14 It draws air through or air past, maybe? (9)
 - 16 Thick, like the president? (5)
 - 17, 22 Cry of anguish touching pocket in soiled coat — slug! (5,6)
 - 19 Two fingered grip required for this tragic tee shot (9)
 - 23 U.S. Marshal has to sharpen audio-receiver (8)
 - 24 She's a single person of virtue in moral service (8)
- Down**
- 26 Lack of ability shown by apprentice at take-off (10)
 - 27 One backing teacher lies about pupil (4)
 - 28 The painter in front colours in the sky (7)
 - 29 Nearly satiate with French salt stuffing (7)
- Across**
- 2 Dogberry's fragrant comparisons (7)
 - 3 Dwarf strumpet short of work (5)
 - 4 Relative needs money to bridge gap, perhaps? (7)
 - 6 Entice everyone with a flower (6)
 - 7 Bring in pound reduction (9)
 - 8 Stone extracted from the loin (7)
 - 9 Moving with mind demented, cows to be impounded (13)



- Crossword Solution 20,742**
- 15 In church point out the beginning (6)
 - 18 Instrumental part of Metro, (car in suction) (7)
 - 20 Arms as kickers? (7)
 - 21 Might they be called if you don't pay it? (8,4)
 - 22 see 17
 - 25, 1 Where one can get roll and pie for afters in London (5,7)

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